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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1595, December 15-21, 2011

Thu 0430	WRMI	9955
Thu 1600	WRMI	9955
Thu 2200	WTWW	9479 [confirmed]
Thu 2230	WBCQ	7490 [confirmed at 2200, mistake, or change??]
Fri 0430	WWRB	3195 and 5050 [confirmed]
Fri 0600	WRMI	9955
Sat 0900	WRMI	9955
Sat 1600	WRMI	9955
Sat 1830	WRMI	9955
Sun 0500	WTWW	5755
Sun 0900	WRMI	9955
Sun 1630	WRMI	9955
Sun 1830	WRMI	9955
Mon 0330v	WBCQ	5110v-CUSB [maybe] see http://www.worldmicroscope.com
Mon 1230	WRMI	9955
Tue 1030	HLR	5980 Hamburger Lokal Radio

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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS VIA WRN:
<http://www.wrn.org/wrn-listeners/world-of-radio/>
<http://www.wrn.org/listeners/world-of-radio/rss/09:00:00UTC/English/541>

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/>

** AFGHANISTAN. AUDIOCLIP: RADIO AFGHANISTAN --- broadcast in Urdu language at 1600 UT on 7200 kHz. The audioclip is available here:
<http://blog.libero.it/radioascolto/10877754.html>
73's (Francesco Cecconi, Central Italy, Dec 9, condiglist yg via DXLD)

7200, Radio Afghanistan, tentative, 1535. Sounded like news and possibly English, 1540 music bridge and more talk, depending on ham radio QRM either LSB or USB was best, but very difficult copy. Very poor. Dec 10 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna on the car roof, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Afghanistan È ritornata da qualche tempo a farsi ascoltare sulle onde corte. Lasciata la banda superaffollata dei 49 metri dove l'ascolto europeo era abbastanza arduo, il nuovo servizio in onda corta del travagliato Paese asiatico ha trovato dimora sui 7200 KHz, proprio al limite della porzione amatoriale dei 40 metri, come segnalato nei giorni scorsi da Giampiero Bernardini nei suoi ascolti milanesi.. E qui le cose sono nettamente migliorate, come potete ascoltare da questa clip relativa alla identificazione della trasmissione pomeridiana in urdu che va in onda dalle 1600 alle 1630 UT. Segnale buono e suono in alcuni passaggi ottimo anche con l'inevitabile fading e un po di splatter dai 7205 kHz.

RADIO AFGHANISTAN: short wave transmission in Urdu.

7200, 1618 Dec 10, Radio Afghanistan FS, Kabul/Yakatut (kab), Local music, talk about Afghanistan, s/off at 1630, in Urdu, 5033 km, 33333 (Roberto Rizzardi, SWL I/0216/GR, Porto S. Stefano (GR) Italy, Lat 42N43 - Long 11E12 - Locator grid JN52NK, Receivers: ICOM IC-R71E, Sangean ATS909 with 2x80kHz Murata filters in FM, Antennas: 15 meters outdoor random wire with RF System Magnetic Longwire, Balun, Indoor self-made single-turn Loop, Telescopic and 7 meters indoor long wire antenna, Website: <http://diarioradio.blogspot.com/> Skype: robybenjy Dec 10, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

7200 kHz, 10 Dec, fair-poor with subcontinent music 1518. Partial ID 1529:30 starting with distinctive music matching what Mark Davies posted at

<http://www.box.com/s/5mzezzsugol6y2xbrcra>

then "This is the National Radio..." but the rest was unintelligible. Talk followed, too weak to copy, but sounded like English news, then back to music 1540-1550+ broken up by a couple of short talks. Gradually faded out after 1550. Sporadic ham QRM throughout (Bruce Portzer, Seattle, WA, WInradio Excalibur, K9AY Antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ciao, few tips from Italy. I observed problems with Radio Afghanistan. They disappeared from the air at 1543 on Dec 11: 7200, 11/12 1530-1543* !!! Radio Afghanistan, start broadcast in English, news, fair, at 1543 suddenly off air. Some transmitter problems? (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, Excalibur Pro; ANT: T2FD di 15 metri; QTH: Milano citt , My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks to Bruce Portzer for his logging this weekend. Listened this morning at 7200, and heard the same as he did. Audio is pretty muddy, so difficult to make much out of the content. Signal was relatively strong, though, at S5 to S7 (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC 12 Dec 2011, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Some downunderite has been claiming that 7200 from R. Afghanistan is via ``Irkutsk``, Russia! Or Yakutsk. DX Mix News, Bulgaria, as in DXLD 11-49, published the site as YAK, but that means, of course, the old site near Kabul, Yakutat, not Yakutsk, Russia. See the Wavescan historical article to follow below. There is no confusion in current HFCC/ITU site abbreviations. Nothing from Afghanistan is yet registered, but Yakutsk, Russia, is spelt under French influence at ITU, as Iakutsk = abbreviated IAK. Tsk, Tsk (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AFGHANISTAN. HISTORY!!! Continued from DXLD 11-38

RADIO AFGHANISTAN RETURNS TO THE AIR ON SHORTWAVE - 2: THE EARLY SHORTWAVE SCENE

In our continuing story about radio broadcasting in Afghanistan, we pick up the sequence of events associated with the shortwave scene in that beleaguered country; and that goes back to the year 1935. On a previous occasion, we have already presented the story of the original mediumwave radio events in Afghanistan, back ten years earlier, beginning in the year 1925.

According to an old radio magazine from that era, mention is made of the fact that plans were announced in 1935 for the installation of a small network of five low powered shortwave communication stations throughout Afghanistan. It is known that two of these transmitters were intended for installation in Kabul & Herat, and it is probable that the other three units were intended for Mizar-i-Sharif - Balkh, Kandahar & Baghlan. The Kabul transmitter, it was stated, would also have voice capability, whereas the other four, apparently, would communicate only in Morse Code.

The transmitter building for the communication transmitters was erected on the eastern edge of Kabul, in the suburban area known as Yakatut, and the building itself was constructed on the northern edge of the highway running towards the Khyber Pass, just beside & behind the mediumwave building. An American radio magazine reported the reception of the new 500 watt transmitter with the callsign YAA in October 1936, on the frequency 4225 kHz. It was hoped that the Kabul transmitter would soon be used for the relay of radio programming from the capital city mediumwave service.

Around the same time, an additional 20 kW shortwave transmitter was installed in the same building though it is indicated that it was in use only for communication purposes, under the same callsign YAA. An additional 20 kW unit was installed in the same building in 1966 and this was used for international and regional communication by the Bakhtar News Agency.

The communication transmitter building at Yakatut was subsequently damaged and/or destroyed on two occasions, 1979 & 1994.

The shortwave communication station that was installed at Herat in 1936, on the western edge of Afghanistan, was also a 500 watt unit, and it was on the air under three consecutive callsigns, AFH, AZH, and finally YAH. It was intended that this station would also broadcast radio programming, though apparently that never happened back during that era.

However, radio monitoring reports in Australia indicate that the

shortwave station located at Herat was indeed on the air with program broadcasting in mid year 1948, on the channel 7960 kHz. These broadcasts were in one of the Afghan languages, and they were on the air for just two hours a week, that is just one hour each on Tuesdays & Fridays.

At the same time, another Afghan station was noted on 6845 kHz with a similar schedule of two broadcasts per week, at one hour each on Mondays & Thursdays. The location was unknown, though we would guess that this station was located at the twin cities, Mizar-i-Sharif & Balkh.

The transmitter building that housed the transmitters for the program broadcasting service on shortwave in Kabul was located on the south side of the highway running towards the Khyber Pass, almost opposite the two mediumwave & communication transmitter buildings. In fact, some of the antenna systems for these stations were actually strung across the highway.

In mid-year 1950, the Director for Radio Afghanistan made a visit to Berlin for the purpose of ordering two shortwave transmitters for installation at Yakatut. At the time, it was stated in the American journal Radio News, the only radio broadcasting service on the air in Afghanistan was the 20 kW mediumwave unit on 674 kHz.

Two German shortwave transmitters were obtained, one at 20 kW and the other at 50 kW, though in actual reality, the 50 kW unit was two at 25 kW, side by side. These transmitters were installed progressively during the years running from 1956 through 1961, with an additional 10 kW unit installed in 1958.

Programming from these units was somewhat spasmodic, and it was intended for national coverage and coverage into nearby countries in Asia. A series of test broadcasts was completed in February 1959, and Radio Afghanistan was truly on the air, shortwave.

A new 100 kW transmitter was installed in the same building in 1966, and it was officially inaugurated during the month of August. Ten years later, five new transmitters were installed at Yakatut, replacing older equipment, and these were rated, three @ 50 kW and two at 10 kW.

However, this building and its electronic equipment was subsequently damaged &/or destroyed during fighting in the years 1979 & 1994.

There are two other items of interest during this era; one in Kabul and the other in Mizar-i-Sharif.

In July 1958, Kabul was noted in Australia on the communication channel 18637 kHz under the callsign YAK, with a program relay from the mediumwave broadcasting service. At the time, Radio Afghanistan was installing new shortwave transmitters at Yakatut, and it would be presumed that this out of band broadcast was an experimental transmission from a 20 kW communication transmitter for the purpose of assessing likely coverage from the planned new shortwave service.

The other item of interest refers to a large advertisement in an English language newspaper published in Kabul. This advertisement was a call for tenders to establish a 20 kW shortwave station in Mizar-i-Sharif, up near the northern boundary of the country. Associated studios, equipment and relay transmitters were planned, and the closing date for the submission of tenders was September 27, 1971. It is presumed that this projected regional shortwave station was never constructed.

On the next occasion when we delve into the radio story in Afghanistan, we will look at the Russian years (Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR Wavescan script for Oct 23, 2011 via DXLD)

RADIO AFGHANISTAN RETURNS TO THE AIR ON SHORTWAVE - 3: THE RUSSIAN ERA

It was on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1979, that Russian forces swarmed into Afghanistan for an occupation stint that lasted close on ten years. During their time of occupation, Russian personnel supervised all radio broadcasting activity in Afghanistan; and in addition, program relays from Afghanistan were carried by shortwave transmitters located in several of the Russian republics. This is what happened.

According to the astute Victor Goonetilleke in Colombo, Sri Lanka, shortwave stations in the USSR began to carry a relay of programming from Radio Afghanistan some time soon after mid year 1979. Victor states that two channels were in use, 15255 kHz & 17720 kHz, and at this stage, they were carrying an off air relay of the Domestic Service from Kabul.

The World Radio TV Handbook for the year 1980 lists two channels in use, Tula on 15305 kHz and Zhugulevsk on 11715 kHz, together with their map co-ordinates.

The BBC Monitoring Service states at this time, that two feeder transmitters located at Kabul were in use for the relay of programming from Kabul to Russia, and these were noted in USB, upper side band, on 10457.25 kHz & 19367.25 kHz. We would conclude that these two feeder transmitters, rated at probably 20 kW each, were located in the communication transmitter building, adjacent to the mediumwave

transmitter building, on the eastern edge of Kabul and north of the highway running towards the Khyber Pass.

From this assembled information, we would conclude then, that for the first couple of years, the relay of Home Service programming from Kabul was broadcast live on two channels by shortwave stations in the Russian Federation, and these transmitters were located at Tula, south of Moscow, with 100 kW and at Syzran-Zhugelevsk near Samara with 120 kW. The programming was fed from Kabul to Russia via the two feeder transmitters at Yakatut, near Kabul.

A few months after the Russian shortwave stations began to relay the programming from Kabul, Russian forces streamed into the country, and soon took over the control of all of the radio stations. At this stage, the radio stations were still on the air, largely unaffected by the nearby warfare.

At this time the original downtown studio building was in use for staff training, the modern new studio building was located at Ansari Watt on the highway out to the airport, and the transmitter building was located at Yakatut. At this stage, just three shortwave transmitters were in active broadcast usage, 10 kW, 50 kW & 100 kW.

However, two years later, news reports tell us, much of the radio broadcasting infrastructure was damaged and or destroyed in bitter fighting.

Beginning in May 1981, there was a change and an increase in the Russian relay of programming from Afghanistan. A satellite link now carried the streaming relay of two program channels from Kabul, one from the Home Service and the other from the External Service. It would appear that the Russian transmitters in use for these Afghani services were mainly 50 kW units located at Orzu, some distance from Dushanbe in Tajikistan. The number of Russian transmitters in use at any one time for this relay service appears to be two, or at times three and even four.

Beginning on May 21, 1982, Victor Goonetilleke in Colombo first noted that the Russian relays were now radiated on the same channels that were previously in use by Radio Afghanistan itself; 3965, 4450 & 4740 kHz. Additional relays were also noted at different time schedules on the higher frequency channels.

During the year 1983, two Russian made shortwave transmitters at 100 kW were installed in the more recently constructed German building located at Pole-i-Charke, though these were in service for only a few years.

Modern history tells us that the final withdrawal of the last Russian troops took place on February 15, 1989. However, we are also told that the Russian relay of Afghan programming continued for another two years, finally ending on December 31, 1991. Is there anyone out there who holds QSLs issued in Russia for their relay of the Afghan programming? Or is there anyone out there who holds QSLs from Radio Afghanistan during the Russian era?

On the next occasion when we look at the radio scene in Afghanistan, we will present the story of the large isolated radio building at Pole-i-Charke near their capital city Kabul. That will be sometime next month (Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR Wavescan script for Nov 13, 2011 via DXLD)

** ALASKA. Winter B-11 of KNLS New Life Station:

0800-0900	on	9655 NLS 100 kW / 315 deg in Russian
0900-1000	on	9655 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg in Chinese
1000-1100	on	9615 NLS 100 kW / 270 deg in English
1100-1200	on	9615 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg in Chinese
1200-1300	on	9615 NLS 100 kW / 270 deg in English
1300-1400	on	9680 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg in Chinese
1400-1500	on	9615 NLS 100 kW / 285 deg in Chinese
1500-1600	on	9655 NLS 100 kW / 270 deg in English
1600-1800	on	6190 NLS 100 kW / 315 deg in Russian

(DX Mix News 13 Dec via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

** ALBANIA [and non]. 7425, Dec 9 at 0013, R. Tirana with CRI interference under, which could be resolved if Albania would just move 5 kHz to open 7420 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7419.981, Radio Tirana in English now 5 kHz down next 7420 kHz channel. Before 0225 UT Dec 10 heard co-channel AIR Guwahati India service in Hindi, listen to recording made in Germany.

At 0225 UT Dec 10 Radio Tirana transmitter Shijak started with Albanian popular song - sung by young lady. Surprisingly at 0228 UT heard a recording fault from the control room, the RT English end transmission/close announcement was heard instead.

After interval signal 0229 to 0230 UT RT English program started. R Tirana signal covered the Indian Hindi program totally, no problem, please listen to the recording.

RT signal was on S=9+35 dB level in Holland and England monitoring posts, on its way on path towards Atlantic Ocean and North America.

Voice of Russia powerhouse of S=9+35dB on 7430 kHz frequency is far away and no problem at all. Regards de Wolfy - and good night too ! -

(Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA [non]. There is an Albanian program on radio CHIN, 1540, Toronto, Sundays at 2200 UT. I discovered it while in New York, and I can hear it on the internet. During this program, they present part of the VOA transmission in Albanian. I suspect that they get it from the internet, but, I don't know how. I tried <voanews.com> and it seems to be only in English. I tried this: <http://www.zeriiamerikes.com>

The site is entirely in Albanian. I tried clicking on "pod cast," but, I didn't get anything. Is there a general VOA site where you can hear programs in their various languages? If you know of one, I'd appreciate it. So would Carrie. Thanks very much, 73, (Tim Hendel, AL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tim, It seems you need to have iTunes installed in order to play VOA Albanian podcasts:

<http://itunes.apple.com/podcast/ditari-ne-audio/id300977437>

Or on myyahoo or via RSS. I'm not using any of these, myself.

On the right side of this page: <http://www.voanews.com/albanian/news/> there are three ``America in 60 seconds`` videos which play without that (with audio), but that does not amount to much.

I am not aware of any overall VOA webpage to get audio from any language. Hope this helps a bit (Glenn to Tim, via DXLD)

** ALBANIA. 5985, Dec 14 at 0620, poor signal with songs, Arabic comments interspersed, from what? Clues at 0626, mentions Turkey, RMB, 0632 Xinhua, ID starting with ``Idha`at``. Then it dawns on me it must be CRI // 7210 via Albania, then confirmed, tho the music did not strike me as Chinese at all. Both are 150 kW, 240 degrees from Cîrrik at 05-07. At 0632 there was already QRM from adjacent DentreCuban pulse jamming on 5980, gradually ramping up before R. Marti starts at 0700 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS. 4760, Port Blair, 1200 some audio confirmed by Indian dxe FB [Facebook?], same time. 5 December (Wilkner , XM- Cedar Key) (Bob Wilkner, Drake R8 -746Pro Modified - NRD 535D, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** ANGUILLA. 1610 Anguilla?? Caribbean music at this time (Jeff Rostron, Springfield MA, 2122 UT 10 Dec, WTFDA-AM via DXLD)

You mean it was not // 11775? The University Network, originator of all programming on Caribbean Beacon SW, has interludes of gospel music, but not Caribbean (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

[non]. 6090, Dec 14 at 0635, Caribbean Beacon is off, uncovering usual het between presumed Nigeria and Brasil, still no chance for the Uruguayan reported testing recently but unlikely to be on at this hour anyway. CB 11775 back on at 1355 check with DGS (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ANTARTICA. 15476, Dec 8 at 1354 and later chex before 1500, no trace of LRA36 despite being amid another allegedly scheduled Thursday bihour from them (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. This is a very long thread about trying to identify and find the owner/QSL address for a new X-bander on 1630 kHz (gh, DXLD)

Finalmente qualche novità sulle onde medie, già la notte di San Nicolú ha portato interessanti DX:

1630, 07/12/2011, 0145-0430, ARG, probabile La Plata, Buenos Aires, px musicale, vari annunci in S tutti uguali si menziona "Buenos Aires" e "Argentina" (Saverio De Cian, Perseus / ANT: K9AY, Sedico (Belluno) / Italia, shortwave [sic] yg via DXLD)

1630 kHz desde La Plata captada en Europa --- 1630, Radio Buen Ayre, Red 92, La Plata. 0730, captada en Troon, Escocia por Paul Crankshaw, dic 7. Henrik Klemetz, nuestro buen amigo en Suecia, indica que también ha sido captada por Arne Nilsson, cerca del Círculo Polar ártico, ayer, con exactamente la misma ID, donde indican que están con licencia de operación pero no se les ha otorgado señal distintiva.

El audio y estos comentarios han sido publicados en el grupo de Yahoo "Real DX" (en lengua inglesa) que es una comunidad de gente (DXistas) que publica audios de sus captaciones (mayoritariamente de Onda Media) con el propósito de que otros les auxilien con su ID.

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RealDX/files/Paul_Crankshaw/1630.mp3
(Paul Crankshaw, Troon, Escocia/Scotland & Henrik Klemetz, Suecia via Real DX via Nigro, Uruguay, dic 7, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Con rapidez inusitada veo reflejado mi informe que no sé si en realidad es exacto. No anuncian el nombre de la emisora en forma clara, y dicen que no se les concedió siglas, y sí hacen referencia al decreto 1577. Veo en internet este documento legal

<http://www.pjn.gov.ar/Publicaciones/00017/00015447.pdf>

relativo a este tema, y me pregunto si en esta lista me pueden aclarar si es que le han retirado el permiso o qué es lo que pasa. Saludos (Henrik Klemetz, Suecia, ibid.)

Inusitada porque en este momento estoy al golpe del balde, como la tortuga en el fondo del aljibe. Gracias por tus ampliaciones a una noticia de indudable interés para este lado del Cono Sur de América.

Según la lista en la página web referida originalmente en el hilo de mensajes de Real DX, La Plata es la única en esa frecuencia. Vamos a ver que es lo que pueden aportar los expertos en la Xband desde zona LV. 73 (Horacio, ibid.)

Es cierto HK, en el audio no hay referencia al nombre de la emisora. Yo transcribo Esto:

"música... emite (transmite?) en transmisión de prueba, desde La Plata, Provincia de Buenos Aires, República Argentina, emisora en categoría 4, con frecuencia de 1630 kHz, y sigla todavía no asignada, otorgada por Decreto 1577 del Poder Ejecutivo Nacional 2009, y 1261 del Poder Ejecutivo Nacional 2001...(musica) ----

Según búsqueda en Google, la única referencia relevante a la emisora en el decreto mencionado en primer lugar genera este documento <http://www.pjn.gov.ar/Publicaciones/00017/00015447.pdf> [as above]

El segundo Decreto mencionado puede ser 1271 o 1261, no lo tengo claro. Y no encuentro nada relevante en Google (Horacio, Uruguay, ibid.)

En http://www.cnc.gov.ar/normativa/sc1028_98.pdf se explican las categorías. La IV tiene 10 kW diurno, 5 nocturno. Y en el apartado 2.2 se lee:

Bandas de frecuencias:

Las emisoras categorías I a IV, funcionan en la banda de 540 kHz a 1380 kHz y las emisoras categorías V a VII. en la banda de 1390 kHz a 1700 kHz.

Así que hay incongruencia con la categoría. Las fqs asignadas para La Plata son 630, 1270 y 1630, eso sí (Horacio, Uruguay, ibid.)

Busca que te busca en trabajo detectivesco: hay una llamada La Super Sport en 1630 encontrada por <http://amporquetevas.blogspot.com/> Tiene su página con audio en <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/lasupersport> Es la misma? (HAN, Uruguay, ibid.)

Gracias, Horacio. Esto es lo que yo tengo: "Transmite, en condición de prueba, desde La Plata, Provincia de Buenos Aires, República Argentina, emisora en categoría actual (o "categoría IV" ???) con frecuencia de 1630 kHz, y siglas todavía no asignadas, otorgada decretos 1577 del Poder Ejecutivo Nacional 2009 y 1281 del Poder Ejecutivo Nacional 2001".

Lo curioso es que el decreto 1577 es de 1999. Siendo así, ¿podemos

afirmar qué emisora es ésta? Saludos (Henrik Klemetz, ibid.)

http://cncom.gov.ar/Boletines/1998/1Ra_Sup/1223.pdf

Obsérvese en la p.g. 4 el cuadro de emisoras asignadas para Prov. de Buenos Aires

PROVINCIA DE BUENOS AIRES

Latitud Longitud Frecuencia Localidad Categoría Situación
Grados Minutos Grados Minutos (KHz)

9 de Julio 35 26 60 52 1560 VII #
Azul 36 46 59 51 1320 V #
Bahía Blanca 38 43 62 23 560 III #
Bahía Blanca 38 40 62 20 840 III #
Bahía Blanca 38 43 62 9 1080 III #
Bahía Blanca 38 41 62 19 1240 VI #
Bahía Blanca 38 41 62 17 1500 VII #
Bahía Blanca 38 44 62 16 1680 IV
Balcarce 37 49 58 13 1430 VII #
Bragado 35 7 60 30 1600 VI
Carhué 37 10 62 44 1490 VII #
Carmen de
Patagones 40 49 62 59 1640 VI
Chacabuco 34 39 60 28 1580 VII #
Chascomús 35 34 58 1 1520 V
Chivilcoy 34 54 60 2 1550 VII #
Coronel Dorrego 38 40 61 16 1470 VI #
Coronel Suárez 37 27 61 57 1440 VII #
Dolores 36 17 57 40 1480 VII #
Gral. J. Madariaga 37 1 57 7 1540 VI #
Gral. Lamadrid 37 15 61 15 1610 VI
Gral. Villegas 35 2 63 2 1550 VI
Junín 34 37 60 58 1470 VI #
La Plata 34 50 58 4 1270 II #
La Plata 34 57 58 1 1390 III #
La Plata 34 55 57 57 1630 IV
Las Flores 36 2 59 5 1210 VI #
Lincoln 34 52 61 33 1510 VI
Mar del Plata 38 4 57 39 670 III #
Mar del Plata 37 55 57 40 760 III #
Mar del Plata 38 0.0 57 33 1220 IV
Mar del Plata 38 0.0 57 33 1620 IV
Miramar 38 15 57 50 1490 V
Necochea 38 44 58 44 960 IV #
Necochea 38 44 58 44 1520 V
Olavarría 36 52 60 22 1160 IV #
Pedro Luro 39 31 62 41 1430 VII

PROVINCIA DE BUENOS AIRES
(via Horacio Nigro, ibid.)

Muy valiosa esta informaci3n, amigo Horacio. Muchas gracias. Te cuento que 1630 se ha convertido en una "colmena" argentina. En los 3ltimos meses se han registrado las siguientes captaciones entre los "orejones" suecos y finlandeses:

Radio Melody, San Jos , ER, 1629.992

Radio Supersport, Lomas de Z., 1630.007

Radio Restauraci3n, 1630.100

Esta que nos concierne, se ha mostrado un par de veces durante los 3ltimos meses, y su frecuencia es de 1629.973, esta ma ana en 1629.975, siendo todas estas mediciones posibles con el software que ofrecen los Perseus o SDR IQ, receptores que est n muy en boga entre los Cazadores con C may scula. Debo agregar que yo no salgo con ellos de cacer a sino me quedo en casa esperando compartan conmigo alg n que otro pedacito para saborear y "catalogar". (Debo agregar que la  nica gama que comparten conmigo es la latina). (Henrik Klemetz, ibid.)

Henrik: Es correcto el Decreto mencionado en segundo t rmino: 1281!!!
La busqueda de San Google genera un documento pdf en
<http://www.boletinooficial.gov.ar/DisplayPdf.aspx?f=20011018&s=01&pd=2&ph=3>
que da un adjudicatario en esa frecuencia:

"Art.3-  --- Adj dicase una Licencia para la instalacion, funcionamiento y explotaci3n de una emisora de radiodifusi3n sonora por modulaci3n de amplitud, categor a IV, en la frecuencia de MIL SEISCIENTOS TREINTA (1630) kHz., de la Ciudad de LA PLATA, provincia de BUENOS AIRES, a la sociedad "GLL SOCIEDAD AN NIMA", compuesta por la Se ora Gloria In s L PEZ LECUBE (L.C. 6.426.936) y Mar a ALVAREZ (D.N.I. 2.537.312).

La Gloria Ines Lopez Lecube aparece en
<http://ar.linkedin.com/pub/gloria-lopez-lecube/13/14a/299>

pero no tengo suscripci3n en LinkedIn as  que no veo m s detalles. ES la misma de una llamada FM LA ISLA 89.9 (no s  de donde es)

Consecuentemente hice mas b squeda y encuentro en el siguiente enlace:
http://www.google.com.uy/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=gll%20sociedad%20an%C3%B3nima%20argentina&source=web&cd=20&ved=0CFsQFjAJ0Ao&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.buenosaires.gov.ar%2Fareas%2Fproduccion%2Findustrias%2Fobservatorio%2Fdocumentos%2Fguias_radios_cf_autorizadas.xls&ei=K-nfTp_DEIXs0gG6qMyZBw&usg=AFQjCNEvUTnYMezmcAFVTFIICu_mXI2yzw&sig2=rdwM3m4_u4z_6mC9sIts0g&cad=rja

que se abre un documento xls (excel) donde aparece [en la segunda hoja o planilla ("AsAs")] la siguiente entrada:

LRI222 GLL S.A. LA PLATA //////////// 1630 IV
1281/01(SIN P P/ EMITIR) ////////////
(Horacio, Uruguay, ibid.)

Oigan y asûmbrense todos al escuchar este fant·stico audio que me
manda Harry Holm, desde Estocolmo.
<http://www.box.com/s/hjija8pgmlu58x8f4t7g>

por el cual se entiende claramente que es una "EMISORA DE LA CATEGORÏA
IV".

Sin la lista tan oportuna que proporcionaste, Horacio, no me habrïa
sido posible entender el concepto de categorïas a que se refiere.
Veremos cu·l de los dos contendientes se esconde bajo este lema. Hasta
lueguito (Henrik, ibid.)

A su vez... por Google buscando LRI222 nos devuelve AM1480 Red 92.
[http://escucha-radio.com.ar/index.php?](http://escucha-radio.com.ar/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=402:am-1480-lri222-red-92-bs-as&catid=38:1250--1490&Itemid=62)
[option=com_content&view=article&id=402:am-1480-lri222-red-92-bs-](http://escucha-radio.com.ar/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=402:am-1480-lri222-red-92-bs-as&catid=38:1250--1490&Itemid=62)
[as&catid=38:1250--1490&Itemid=62](http://escucha-radio.com.ar/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=402:am-1480-lri222-red-92-bs-as&catid=38:1250--1490&Itemid=62)

QuÈ confuso todo esto!!! Adem·s se trata de fuentes anticuadas (los
decretos son de la Època del gobierno de De La Rúa)!! (Horacio, ibid.)

Todo esto es una opereta de malas gestiones (lÈase al final de este
documento)
<http://www.radiodifusiondata.com.ar/dic04/sirt.htm>

Buscando por Gloria LÙpez Lecube sale mucha info:
entre lo que destaco: (Ojo!!!AÒo 2004)

[http://hombresderadio.blogspot.com/2008/07/gloria-lopez-lecube-quiero-que-la-](http://hombresderadio.blogspot.com/2008/07/gloria-lopez-lecube-quiero-que-la-gente.html)
[gente.html](http://hombresderadio.blogspot.com/2008/07/gloria-lopez-lecube-quiero-que-la-gente.html)

"-øQuÈ pasa con la otra AM, la 1630, de La Plata?
-Esa es la AM La Isla. Me la otorgaron a mï, con un decreto de De la
Rúa, pero est· con conflicto judicial. Ahora la tiene Balcedo, el
dueÒo del diario Hoy, porque se la dio Menem. De la Rúa se la tuvo que
sacar y d·rmela a mï porque su presentaciÙn est· impugnada. Pero
interpuso un recurso de amparo y por ahora la maneja. En cuanto eso se
regularice, tendrÈ tres radios. Depende del juez Miralles."

Si la info es correcta las oficinas de esta Gloria est·n en:
J Salguero 2745 6 63, Capital Federal, Argentina

Otra nota de 2007:
<http://www.lanacion.com.ar/963278-la-duena-de-tres-radios>

73 (HAN, ibid.)

Ahí está la ID completa!!! fantástico!! ! Lo parioooo!!! (HAN, ibid.)

La Lúpez Lecube está en Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/gloria.lopezlecube>

El que tenga acceso a esta red social (yo sí y estoy muy contento) la tiene a mano para preguntar. Ojalá que conteste. Pero como este novelón va por capítulos, lo dejamos para mañana. Me tengo que ir a inventariar en el Museo del Radioaficionado! como todos los miércoles (HAN, ibid.)

Estimados: Gloria Lúpez Lecube es la dueña de FM La Isla, que transmite en 89.9 desde la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires y de AM 1420 La Marea, que opera en dicha QRG desde esta misma ciudad. En su página web venían anunciando desde hace un par de años a la emisora de AM desde La Plata más la misma nunca estuvo en el aire hasta el presente. 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, ibid.)

En este momento por acá por Florida [Argentina], Vicente Lúpez, capto en 1630 KHz Radio Restauración, con antena de cuadro de 27 cm y Receptor Yaesu VR 5000 (ATT activado y DSP Activado) (Ernesto Paulero, ibid.)

Ojo Ernesto, que está llegando Restauración pero también una UNID con música en español (romántica) que debería ser la nueva emisora platense. Por momentos llega una arriba de la otra y merced al desvanecimiento de una, se escucha la otra. Cambia de posición el receptor o prueba con la ULR. Enviado desde mi BlackBerry de Personal (Slaen, ibid.)

Ayer a las 01 UT escuché el anuncio que había escuchado los colegas, señalando que se trataba de una transmisión de prueba y dando los números de decretos y resoluciones que avalan la puesta en el aire. Muy buena señal aunque con QRM, como es lógico, de Radio Restauración en la misma frecuencia. Son fácilmente diferenciables las dos emisoras puesto que así como la nueva estación platense transmite sólo música romántica (mayormente en español), R. Restauración emite programas religiosos. 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, Dec 8, ibid.)

El Decreto del 2009 al que hace referencia es un decreto promulgatorio de un acuerdo con Brasil! Igual, es probable que sea la AM de Balcedo. Su antena estuvo siempre en la Avenida 31 y 526; junto a la de Red92, Fm 92, MIX Fm y alguna otra. Yo hace un tiempo vi que la frecuencia está equipada con una estación pero nunca me detuve a escuchar cuál era. Hoy que es feriado, voy a escuchar. Saludos, (Marcelo Oscar Filipo, ibid.)

SI MUCHACHOS, SE TRATA DE LA 1630 PERTENECIENTE A LA RED 92. HACE MAS DE 1 SEMANA QUE SALIO AL AIRE CON UN EQUIPO CHICO. RECORDAR QUE SALIO EN 1630 HACE MUCHOS AÑOS, PERO LUEGO LA CONVIRTIERON EN 1480, PARA LUEGO APAGARLA. AHORA RETORNO AL AIRE DESDE LA MISMA PLANTA ORIGINAL TAL CUAL LO INDICA MARCELO. ES UN PLAN PARA TENER AL MAXIMO SUS EMISORAS Y REPETIDORAS EN TODA LA PV DE BS AS. SALUDOS (OMAR SOMMA, ibid.)

La estuve escuchando un buen rato y la identificación es tal cual la grabación. Me llama la atención el error del decreto. Lo único que escuché hoy es música latina y las ID cada media hora. Ahora estoy con el celular, pero luego les paso las coordenadas del Google Earth de la planta transmisora. Saludos (Marcelo Filipo, LU1EOT, ibid.)

[Luego:] Las Coordenadas son:
34° 54'31"S 58° 0'50"W
(Filipo, ibid.)

Contribuye con un poco de historia sobre esta emisora. Adjunto una QSL que logré en 2003. En ese año entrevisté al Gerente de Red 92, Marcelo Escande, ver foto adjunta. El artículo que anexo fue publicado en RadioWorld y también en la Revista Conexión GRA. Ustedes podrán apreciar que esta emisora indudablemente está tocada por la magia de la radio OM a distancia. Saludos a todos! RGM (Rubén Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, ibid.)

Sigue recibiendo con aceptable calidad a partir del atardecer en varios barrios de la Capital Federal. Ayer jueves entraba bien y por momentos muy bien en la zona Centro-Sur (Caballito/Parque Chacabuco/Boedo) 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, Dec 9, ibid.)

Wikipedia es una muy buena fuente de información sobre medios:
http://es.wikipedia.org/wiki/Red_92
RGM (Margenet, ibid.)

Lo que no entiendo es como resulta ser Red 92 si el decreto que encontramos en los documentos encontrados en la web apuntan a GLL SA? (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, ibid.)

Hoy a las 8 UT se escuchaba muy bien esta emisora en Neuquén, hasta las 830 UT que se identificó emitiendo desde La Plata. Luego desapareció lentamente por el horario y ionización de la capa D. Receptor Sony 7600 con booster de ferrite home made. Saludos (Alejandro LU8YD Alvarez, Dec 9, ibid.)

Hay que encontrar la punta del ovillo y tratar de desenredar la madeja. En mi artículo editado en julio del 2003 aludí a una

Resolución N 1577 del 1999 que -en realidad- es DECRETO otorgado por Menem antes de dejar su mandato. Ahora bien, ese Decreto fue revocado parcialmente por el N 1281 del 2001 cuyo contenido está completo en <http://www.boletinoficial.gov.ar/DisplayPdf.aspx?f=20011018&s=01&pd=2&ph=3>

Dice: 'Revocase parcialmente el artículo 2 Anexo II del Decreto N 1577/99, declarándose nulo de nulidad absoluta e insanable el acto adjudicatorio de la licencia para la instalación, funcionamiento y explotación de una emisora de radiodifusión sonora por modulación de amplitud, en la ciudad de La Plata, provincia de Buenos Aires, a Nuevas Comunicaciones Argentinas S.R.L. (en formación)^a.

GLL S.A. es Gloria López Lecube, quien fuera la otra oferente que se presentó junto a Nuevas Comunicaciones Argentinas S.R.L., la entonces permisionaria. A partir del Decreto 1281/2001 la nueva titular pasa a ser GLL S.A sobre la frecuencia 1430 Khz.

Escuchen bien en la ID como se aluden los dos decretos!!! (1577/99 y 1281/01). Mi conclusión es la siguiente. Al revocarse la licencia anterior para la AM1630 que formaba parte de la Red 92 (nombre de fantasía) y adjudicársela a GLL S.A. es obvio que la nueva titular no pertenece ya a dicha Red. ¿Está claro? Sabrá la tal Lecube qué nombre tendrá su emisora cuyo indicativo es LRI222. RGM (Margenet, ibid.)

Rubén: Entonces GLL es la actual dueña, y ya no de una emisora que no tiene nombre. Tu conclusión dice:

"Al revocarse la licencia anterior para la AM1630 que formaba parte de la Red 92 (nombre de fantasía) y adjudicársela a GLL S.A. es obvio que la nueva titular no pertenece ya a dicha Red. ¿Está claro? Sabrá la tal Lecube qué nombre tendrá su emisora cuyo indicativo es LRI222."

En otros comentarios, el de Omar Somma dice: "SI MUCHACHOS, SE TRATA DE LA 1630 PERTENECIENTE A LA RED 92, HACE MAS DE 1 SEMANA QUE SALIO AL AIRE CON UN EQUIPO CHICO. RECORDAR QUE SALIO EN 1630 HACE MUCHOS AÑOS, PERO LUEGO LA CONVIRTIERON EN 1480, PARA LUEGO APAGARLA. AHORA RETORNO AL AIRE DESDE LA MISMA PLANTA ORIGINAL. TAL CUAL LO INDICA MARCELO. ES UN PLAN PARA TENER AL MAXIMO SUS EMISORAS Y REPETIDORAS EN TODA LA PV DE BS AS."

En que quedamos? Concluyo que: AM 1630, La Plata, 5/10 kW, no pertenece a Red 92. Su titular es GLL SA (Gloria López Lecube). Y los transmisores y estudios dónde están? Precisan la info QSL en Europa! (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, ibid.)

Al igual que el amigo Horacio, yo también pensaba que había algún gato encerrado aquí. Una identificación que da vuelta y no llega al meollo del asunto. Y miren lo que le contestaron recién los de la Red 92 al

amigo Harry Holm, el autor del fenomenal audio que coloqué por aquí anteayer:

"Muchas gracias por escribimos! !!! Nos llama mucho la atención que haya podido escuchar nuestra frecuencia (en este momento está alquilada)... Abrazo grande!!! RED 92 LA PLATA"

O sea que "nuestra frecuencia" y no "nuestra emisora", la que además "está alquilada". A ver quién explica esto? (Henrik Klemetz, Suecia, ibid.)

Lean el documento legal

<http://www.pjn.gov.ar/Publicaciones/00017/00015447.pdf>

mencionada en mi mensaje #50737 del día 7. Yo llegué a la misma conclusión que el colega Horacio. Aquí hay gato encerrado, me decía yo (Henrik Klemetz, ibid.)

Horacio: Esto tiene que ver con cosas muy argentinas que espero no lleguen nunca del otro lado del Plata. Yo creo que "la verdad de la milanese" nos la vamos a enterar en algún momento, hablando con alguien del AFSCA o algún chango de alguna de las dos emisoras. Oficialmente, vamos a tener siempre una linda cobertura (o tapadera) legal.

Ayer llegaba muy bien desde Caballito y hoy a la mañana, frente al Aeroparque Jorge Newbery, haciendo DX al lado del Río de la Plata, entraba con muy buena recepción aunque con QRM de Radio Restauración. Al rato, por razones que ignoro, se le cortó la transmisión. 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, ibid.)

Opino que si se logra dar con Gloria L. Lecube (me la imagino en Buenos Aires con su FM La Isla) -sea personalmente o por mail- los diexistas nórdicos podrán quizás tener su recompensa. No debe haber otros protagonistas que tengan interés en dar respuesta QSL. En su momento, la Red 92 emitía QSL digital vía INTERNET pero -según las actuaciones judiciales- actualmente son los reclamantes de la frecuencia 1630 Khz. Por todas las informaciones aportadas, las de Horacio, Henrik y Marcelo, el caso NO ESTÁ CERRADO pero quien se encuentra al frente de las transmisiones en este momento deduzco que es la tal Lecube. Saludos! (RGM Dec 11, ibid.)

Arnaldo, Horacio, Marcelo, Omar, Al contrario, el tema de 1630 demuestra que sí hay "cosas muy argentinas" que llegan muy lejos y rápidamente, como búlidicos. No tanto lo que veo en un periódico capitalino en el día de hoy, donde dedican casi dos páginas a la cumbia villera (Henrik (radicado en Suecia), ibid.)

Rubén, es una buena sugerencia. Si hubiera estado en Facebook le

habría preguntado por ese medio (Henrik Klemetz, ibid.)

Ese es el mejor dato, Marcelo. Mariotto, ex Presidente de AFSCA y flamante vicegobernador de la Provincia de Buenos Aires, ya le tiene que haber dado el OK a la Red 2. Y cuando digo OK, más que nunca pongo Énfasis en la K. Sin querer nos metimos en el meollo de la verdadera cuestión política que debe encerrar este dilema. Ahora se va aclarando el panorama. Los colegas escandinavos seguramente obtendrán una KSL gracias al Secretario General del SOEME y a la reelección de Kristina. RGM (Margenet, ibid.)

Más allá de las cuestiones legales, y cómo dice Omar; lo que escuchan es la frecuencia 1630 que sale del transmisor ubicado en las coordenadas que puse, que está en un parque de antenas perteneciente a la Red 92. Si tienen alquilada o no la frecuencia, es otro cantar. Probablemente las "aguas legales" este vez vayan para el lado de la Red 92. Recordemos que su titular es Secretario General del SOEME, un gremio, alineado con el kirchenrismo. Saludos (Marcelo Filipo, ibid.)

Insisto, gente, que hasta hace un año la página web de FM La Isla anunciaba la próxima salida al aire de su emisora de onda media desde La Plata en 1630 Khz. FM La Isla es la radio insignia de la López Lecube. Curiosamente la página web ya no está en la red (Arnaldo Slaen, ibid.)

<<<<<<<<<ke loko no? Solo faltaría un barco emitiendo desde el mar
rock! (Alejandro D Alvarez, LU8YD, ibid.)

Para que che! Si así es más fácil ser radiodifusor que radioaficionado. Me equivoco tanto? Por lo menos no tenes que hacer el curso de CW jua! (Slaen, ibid.)

Si tenes razón, pero con el barco podés además ir pescando y arrojando la radio a las hermanas robadas.

Gracias por recabar toda la información en CXN. En la transcripción del anuncio de la 1630, debería decir "emisión de prueba", no "condición de prueba". Mea culpa. Veo en Google lo siguiente:

Gloria López Lecube, periodista empresaria - 07.12.2003 - lanacion ...
<http://www.lanacion.com.ar/552360-gloria-lopez-lec...> - Versión de
Hoy sidan Gloria López Lecube, periodista empresaria | Además de conductora, es dueña de una FM y pronto inaugurará una frecuencia AM que ganará por licitación ...

El artículo, con una foto de la señora Lecube, es del año 2003. No revelan la frecuencia AM. Sería la 1420? La Isla > La Marea? En este orden de ideas también cabría La Red, no? (Henrik Klemetz, Dec 12,

ibid.)

Henrik y condiglisteros: AM La Marea, actualmente activa y que pertenecería al multimedios de López Lecube, operaría en los 1420 khz desde la Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires aunque la planta txra est· en las afueras de la misma, aquí nomas de casa, en zona norte. Uso el verbo en potencial porque muchas veces es difícil tener certeza de la información que aparece en los medios y que a priori parece plenamente objetiva. 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, ibid.)

Otro comentario: La nueva Ley de Medios en Argentina se supone que impide que un mismo permisionario tenga dos estaciones en la misma banda y en la misma zona de cobertura, con lo cual GLL debiera desprenderse de una (Marcelo Filipo, ibid.)

Es cierto mas sabes como se evade facilmente esa norma? Poniendo sociedades fantasmas, por ejemplo SRL, cuyo socio gerente tiene 90 años y vive en un geri·trico o es extranjero o, directamente, sacando la licencia nombre de un testaferro. Estas figuras jurídicas son muy usadas en nuestro país. En realidad desde hace años se las emplea independientemente de los gobiernos de turno (Slaen, ibid.)

La nueva ley de medios debía superar a su antecesora viciada de anacronías e injusticias del último régimen dictatorial. Sin embargo, tuvo un único objetivo fundamental: ganar la batalla contra los multimedios opositores. RGM (Margenet, ibid.)

Arnaldo y Rubén: Por eso puse "debería"... (Filipo, ibid.)

‘Debería’ desprenderse de un medio siempre que la Sra. GGL no tenga cierta simpatía con el modelo K. Veremos luego si el dirigente sindicalista logra más rápido su cometido. Martín Fierro fue un sabio cuando, entre tantas genialidades, dijo: "Hacete amigo del juez; no le des de qué quejarse; y cuando quiera enojarse vos te debés encoger, pues siempre es bueno tener palenque ande ir a rascarse." (Margenet, ibid.)

Escribí a Gloria Lopez Lecube via Facebook:

Señora Gloria. Le escribo desde Uruguay. Soy radioaficionado, especialista en la captación de emisoras de radio a distancia, un hobby que se llama Diexismo y que cultivo desde hace casi 40 años.

Recientemente, hace unos días, colegas radioescuchas ubicados en Escocia, así como Suecia y Noruega, han reportado en nuestras redes de información y camaradería, la captación de AM 1630, en La Plata, con una calidad espectacular. Sí... en Onda Media, con el uso de receptores de comunicaciones y antenas largas.

Uno de los aspectos de nuestro hobby, es tratar de lograr de la estación que escuchamos, la llamada QSL o confirmación de escucha.

Esto es: enviar a la emisora en cuestión un informe detallando fecha, hora, frecuencia, calidad y algunos detalles del programa escuchado, que prueban la veracidad de la recepción efectuada. Estas respuestas, enviadas por cortesía por la emisora, son verdaderos "trofeos de caza", pues verifican que tal aficionado escuchó la emisora. Así se coleccionan e inclusive se aplican como válidas para Concursos de países escuchados, etc.

En el caso de la frecuencia en particular de los 1630, varias emisoras argentinas son escuchadas aquí en Uruguay, entre ellas AM1630 desde La Plata.

Escuche este fantástico audio que manda Harry Holm, desde Estocolmo, Suecia.

<http://www.box.com/s/hjija8pgmlu58x8f4t7g>

Tratando de localizar información de contacto, la Web nos proporcionan datos que apuntan a que la persona a quien podemos contactar en AM 1630 es Usted. Estamos al tanto de los avatares políticos en la asignación de la emisora y nos gustaría saber cual es el status actual.

Sra López Lecube, si Usted está de acuerdo en aceptar nuestra humilde solicitud de lograr una respuesta por carta o por email a los distintos reportes de escucha de AM 1630, La Plata; con mucho gusto le proporcionaré los datos de los radiocolegas interesados, así como el audio de sus sintonías.

La respuesta a un informe de recepción no conlleva compromiso ninguno de vuestra parte. Es sólo una constancia expresa por la que se lee: "Verificamos la escucha de nuestras emisiones por AM1630, La Plata el día ---- a la hora ----" Y nada más.

Saludos cordiales, agradeciendo desde ya su atención a nuestra solicitud, quedo a la espera de su respuesta,

Horacio Nigro CX3BZ
miembro del Grupo Radioescucha Argentino, Conexión Digital
Montevideo, Uruguay (Nigro, ibid.)

Muy buena presentación, Horacio. Por otra parte, si con esta iniciativa tuya se obtiene un resultado positivo, estaremos seguros en afirmar que la verificación QSL proviene de una de las empresarias de medios más atractivas que existen actualmente. ...¿no Arnaldo?... Te

pregunto a vos que te gustan tanto las mujeres. RGM (Margenet, ibid.)

Hasta ahora no pasa nada con la respuesta (Nigro, 2033 UT Dec 12, ibid.)

Las mujeres me encantan. Gloria L pez Lecube no. Pero ya estoy podrido de mujeres. Pienso en mis vacaciones con Carolina, Camila, una amiga de Camila y las dos perras y me dan muchas ganas de tirarme desde la torre de La Red 92 o como se llame (Arnaldo Slaen, ibid.)

Amigos, He leído con atención todos sus comentarios sobre esta emisora de AM que opera en 1630 KHz, y de acuerdo a la base de datos de Onda Media que la vengo actualizando desde 1982 hasta la fecha, permítanme aclararles lo siguiente:

Como bien refirió Omar Somma, la estación en 1630 KHz que se identifica como "Red 92" es en realidad la misma emisora que hace años comenzó operando en esa misma frecuencia para luego pasar a 1480 KHz y desaparecer en el olvido por un tiempo. Esa radio siempre fue operada por la firma "Nuevas Comunicaciones Argentinas S.R.L." cuya cabeza visible era el Sr. Marcelo Antonio Balcedo (Socio Gerente).

Es indudable que luego de haber perdido la posibilidad de obtener una licencia, por las razones que explica Rub n, esta radio intent  lograr su otorgamiento por la v a administrativa primero (Expte. N  2284-COMFER/ 01), sin lograr su cometido conforme la Resoluci n N  1180-COMFER/ 2005, y luego por la v a judicial -de lo cual desconozco su resultado.- Vale se alar que esta emisora NUNCA podr a haber sido operada por la Sra. Gloria In s L pez Lecube, quien hab a perdido el concurso p blico para la frecuencia de 1630 KHz que en principio hab a sido otorgada a la gente platense (Decreto 1577/99).

A L pez Lecube le otorgaron una sola licencia de AM. Esta licencia era para operar una estaci n en 1540 KHz, que en principio se denomin  "AM QUINCE 40". Los due os de LT35 Radio Mon de Pergamino (Pcia. de Buenos Aires), formularon denuncias por interferencias ante el ex COMFER y lograron que esta emisora se cambiara de frecuencia, para terminar en 1420 KHz. Esta radio se conoce en la actualidad como "AM LA MAREA" (LRI-220) con planta transmisora en Villa Martelli (Zona norte del Gran Buenos Aires).-

Por lo que s , la AM 1630 emite de forma ILEGAL, es decir, sin ning n tipo de permiso o autorizaci n para salir al aire.- Si alguien quisiera contactarse con ellos, debe entonces escribir a las direcciones de contacto de RED 92 que figuran en su P gina Web <http://www.red92.com> o por E-mail: red92@red92.com
Un cordial saludo (Marcelo A. Cornachioni, ibid.)

<http://www.facebook.com/gloria.lopezlecube>

Ustedes se deben haber comido mas bichos que el radiador de mi camioneta rumbo a Parque Luro así que no se hagan los exquisitos ni exigentes con la dama, que adem·s tiene lo suyo. O ser· que hay tantas mujeres diexistas que est·n empachados? Por que a Luro y Irene no llevaron nada. Con el afecto de siempre (LU8YD Alejandro Alvarez, ibid.)

Ha sido reportada tan temprano como desde las 1000 y tan tarde como las 0300 UT. 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, Dec 13, ibid.)

Arnaldo: Estoy de acuerdo contigo en principio, aunque las emisoras nuevas suelen recibir de buen grado los primeros reportes que les lleguen desde Europa. M·s raro es que las emisoras que llevan tiempo en el aire lo hagan. Pero hay excepciones, como p ej la LT9. VÉase <http://nocheluzymoncho.com.ar/images/galeria56/Galeria56.html> donde sugiero que oigas y veas Así nos escuchan/Ver el mail/Así nos escuchan/M·s fotos de Suecia/Fotos camiones Volvo

En cuanto a La Marea, ya me informÔ Pertti fyr%s que no tuvo respuesta alguna de esa emisora, a pesar de enviarle un par de cartas de seguimiento. En 2007 tambiÈn la escuchÔ Jari Ruohom%ki y tampoco le respondieron a Èl. Saludos (Henrik Klemetz, ibid.) to be continued?

** ARGENTINA. 15345, 13/Dec 2251, RAE, in Spanish. DX program. At 2257 end DX program, and Argentina music. Finally, with good modulation. At 2300 full ID. 45444 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana - BA 12 14%S 38 58%W, BRASIL, Degen 1103, All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz, Dipole antenna. 19 meters - east/west - Balun 8:1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345, RAE, Dec. 13, 2315. Rock music, talk YL & OM, 2 times beep on 2330 while talk continued, songs by male, ID on 2342, sign off on 2356. Weak signal, much fading (Tony Ashar, West Java, Indonesia, ibid.)

** ARMENIA. KBC Reception report
To: <programproducersanddrmmix @ spaceline.bg>

Dear friends of KBC, I have listened your station on 10 december 2011 from 1810 to 1900 UT on the frequency of 7590 kHz using a receiver Kenwood TS-440, dipole antenna and converter self made. I attach this mail the reception log stiled by DREAM software for DRM reception, the screenshot of transmission and audio file of your announcement.

I'm amateur radio that love DRM reception. Thank you of your QSL and compliments for your music. My address is:

Giovanni Lorenzi,
Via Catania 16,
98124 Messina Italy

ITALIAN AMATEUR RADIO STATION IT9TZZ SOLO IN TELEGRAFIA
<http://www.webalice.it/it9tzz>

(Giovanni Lorenzi - IT9TZZ, QTH: Messina - Italy 3811 N 1532 E
RX: Yaesu FRG-7000/Kenwood TS-440 Ant: Longwire 25 m / Dipole
Down converter: home brewing Dec 10, via bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

----Messaggio originale----

From: "IVAN KOTEV - SPACELINE"
Da: drmmix@spaceline. bg
Data: 12/12/2011 13.07

Dear Sir, Hereby we confirm your reception of our program DRM Mix,
7590 kHz, Saturday 1800-2100 UT, in DRM mode from Noratus, Armenia.

Transmitter details are following:

Transmitter type : 100 kW Tube type, year of manufacture 1975's
(converted to DRM by Spaceline)
Transmitter power 100 kW
Antenna: Curtain HR8/8/1 beaming 305 Degrees
DRM Modulator: Transradio DRM DMOD-2

We are in process of development of QSL -card, to be sent later on to
you. On behalf of our technical team and the program producers, we
would like to thank you for the listening, and we would like to
welcome back to DRM Mix next Saturday, the same time and frequency.

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Best regards, Ventsislav
SpaceLine Ltd.
P.O 812 web: <http://www.spaceline.bg>
1000 Sofia BULGARIA
(via Lorenzi, ibid.)

Aggiungo anche la mia risposta, che È leggibile su
<http://swl-i2-5759.blogspot.com/2011/12/drm-mix.html>
73 de (Ivan Guerini, # Swl I2 - 5759 #, ibid.) See also U S A [non]

** AUSTRALIA. 2310, ABC Alice Springs received on Dec. 10, 2011 at
1824-1836 UT. I've never been able to receive anything on the 120 m
band due to the strong background noise and the lack of a decent
antenna. Now I got a quiet location and a good antenna, so this is my
very first station received on the 120 m broadcasting band! And quite

a nice strong signal too. Same program was on 2325 kHz but the signal was much weaker. The transmitter is in Roe Creek, Australia (according to Aoki SW schedules) and Google Earth says the distance between the TX and my location is 13257 km. A 12 minute recording is available at <http://youtu.be/vmhaPvrxoHs>

Nice music then top of the hour station ID, news and weather report (as you'll see in the video, in the Northern Territory their TOH is at :30 UT). (Tudor Vedeanu, Gura Humorului, Romania, EtŪn E1XM, 100m longwire antenna with Wellbrook UMB balun, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 2368.5, R. Symban. Received a iSymban World Radioŷ Christmas card in both Greek and English posted at <http://www.box.com/s/b24hpnxoxrm3icp1ls8u> (Ron Howard, Monterey, CA, Dec 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. 6020, Dec 9 at 1334, R. Australia sports talk has heavy CCI from music. HFCC shows the problem now at 13-14 is CNR in Mongolian, 100 kW, 15 degrees from Beijing site. Aoki says it is the CNR8 service in Mongolian, but 100 kW, 283 degrees. Since it's carrying on so well to NAM, I suspect the former azimuth, vs. RA which is 30 degrees from Shepparton toward Alaska. However, 283 would be about right for Beijing aiming at Huhhot, which BTW is also the name of a new Mongolian restaurant in NW OKC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. ABC plans for merger of Radio Australia and Australia Network. Debate about Australia Network contract continues. Posted: 11 Dec 2011 [synopses and link to 31+ stories about this!] <http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=12517> (kimandrewelliot.com via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. A VNG deixou de transmitir em meados de 2002, se nŷo me engano. Anos depois de enviar meu primeiro informe (nŷo respondido) achei o endereŷo de email da Dra. Marion Leiba, Secretŷria Honorŷria do Consŷrcio VNG (marion_leiba@yahoo.com). Na oportunidade enviei a gravaŷŷo da transmissŷo ouvida e lembro atŷ hoje que na resposta ao meu email ela disse que ao ouvŷ-la quase chorou. Alŷm do email, recebi pelo correio posteriormente o QSL, vŷrias fotos e prospectos da emissora que guardo com carinho atŷ hoje.

Se vocŷ tiver algum registro por aŷ acho que vale a pena tentar o reenvio do informe apesar do tempo transcorrido. 73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, <http://ivandias.wordpress.com> <http://twitter.com/ivandiasjr> radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. 6155, Dec 9 at 0647, R. Austria International in regular

morning classical music show with short pieces: madrigal song, then D. Scarlatti, very good signal with YL announcer; wish I could listen to this and Spain 5965 and Mexico 6185 all at the same time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHAMAS. QSL: ZNS, Broadcasting Corp. of the Bahamas, 1540, date/frequency letter in 65 days for English airmail report and US \$2.00, v/s. Deon Morris, Programming Manager, d(dot)morris(at)znsbahamas(dot)com Station heard shortly after local midnight on October 4, battling it out between WDCD and smaller powered stations co-channel, but was able to null WDCD out somewhat with Palstar LA30 Loopstick, enough to get positive IDs and programming details. (It seems early morning call-in shows suck no matter where in the world they come from!) Station listed at 8 kW! (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Dec 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN. 9745, Radio Bahrain (presumed), 2153-2225 Dec 12, program of continuous Middle Eastern vocals without any announcements. Poor to fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD) USB?

** BELARUS. 6155, Radio Belarus, 2157-2213 Dec 11, group singing followed by musical fanfare at Top of Hour, ID and news with a woman announcer in English. News ended at 2205 followed by another ID into features. Poor to fair. No // heard (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

6155, R. Belarus Minsk 2240-2300* Dec 11 Russian; Two W announcers with banter; folk like music; ID in passing at 2254; brief announcer & music bridge at 2258; W announcer into brief music at 2300, then pulled the plug; fair-poor (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I was going to check on the language schedules, but 6155 is missing from EiBi. Aoki shows 20-22 English, 22-23 plain old red Russian (gh, DXLD) But if you hear Belarussian at 03-05 on 6155 it's R. Liberty!

** BHUTAN. Currently off 6035 kHz. AIR Engineer told me that next week he will be going up to Thimpu to repair the transmitter! Will keep you all posted. After all these years I still need a QSL from them!! (Victor Goonetilleke, 4S7VK, Sri Lanka, DXplorer Dec 7 via BC-DX 9 Dec via DXLD)

BBS back with 100 kW --- Bhutan Broadcasting Service is now on air with 100 kW; please post your feed back about the reception. An engineer from All India Radio is working on the transmitter (Alokesh Gupta, VU3BSE, New Delhi, 1139 UT Dec 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Alokesh, thanks for info, but is still on 6035? Approaching 1200, from here I heard at least 2 broadcasts, one with talk by YL, the other with music. Both difficult to identify. 73, (Tony Ashar, Indonesia, ibid.)

Tony, PBS Yunnan China, is always on 6035, at 10-15 alternating Vietnamese and Chinese, per Aoki, 50 kW at 147 degrees. It's totally self-defeating for these two to be on the same frequency, even if BBS gets up to 100 kW. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

May be they are not much interested in outer world coverage, want to make sure country wide coverage, and I live in a Part of India where the BBS tx is within 140-150 kilometer aerial distance, PBS Yunnan doesn't create any problem with local reception. Today BBS reception was great in Kolkata, even when they run in low power, PBS not offending local reception, may be to avoid further problems for almost one year BBS switch off around 1300+ UT, today also they switched off around 1312. Last year we heard that Myanmar was causing problem at 6035 but here I haven't found any problem. May be since the beginning of Transmitter problem or PBS Yunnan start up of 6035 whatever it may be BBS is not running up to 15 UC in almost last two years. -- Thanks & Regards, (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, Dist. Darjeeling, West Bengal, INDIA, Dec 13, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD

6035, BBS (presumed), 1247, Dec 13. During the year when I have checked here I found only PBS Yunnan in sole possession, but thanks to the timely tip from Alokesh Gupta, I heard assume BBS underneath Yunnan, which was in Vietnamese with mostly monologues and very brief musical pieces; with BBS mostly playing indigenous music with a few announcements. 1300 Yunnan had their usual time pips and ID in English (iThis is the Voice of Shangri-La brought to you by Yunnan Radioî); after that Yunnan went into talk in Chinese and BBS also had talking; not possible to ID. Checked again at 1400 looking for BBS to be there in English, but they must have signed off early. Had no trace of BBS underneath Yunnan which was back to Vietnamese.

If BBS had been broadcasting after 1400 believe I would have some hint of their presence, but nothing but Yunnan. Once the AIR technician finishes up testing the repaired BBS transmitter, I hope they will resume their former 1500 sign off time; with 1400 to 1500 being in English. Very nice to hear this one again! Brief MP3 audio posted at

<http://www.box.com/s/st3vgkv7x696m1spv4hp>

Perhaps a listener in India can provide the BBS sign off time today?
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Ron, Victor from Sri Lanka said that they signed off at 1315.
73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

Thanks to Victor Goonetilleke (Sri Lanka) for a quick response. BBS signed off today between 1315 and 1320 (Ron Howard, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, Do they sign on at 0000 UT? (Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, ibid.)

They do sign on at 0000z; BBS Txer is off air today due to repair & training (Alokesh Gupta, India, Dec 14, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Thanks, Alokesh, do you know when back on? (Mark Davies, ibid.)

Bhutan Broadcasting Service (?) Monitored 6035 kHz from 1107 to 1332 UT, December 14, 2011. At tune-in, there were two carriers on frequency: 6035.00 (PBS Yunnan) and 6035.03 making for a SAH. The 6035.03 carrier went off the air at 1109*. The same SAH was again observed 1125-1131, 1136-1140, and 1207-1211. During SAH, no other audio or programming was noted other than Yunnan with normal TS heard at top of hour (1200 and 1300) with 'Voice of Shangri-La' ID in English both TOHs (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, ICOM IC-756 ProIII + 40-M yagi and 80-M inverted vee, NASWA yg via DXLD) See UNIDENTIFIED 6035

** BOLIVIA. 4699.6v, Radio San Miguel, Riberalta was on 4700.00 at 0930 on 6 December

4716.19, Radio Yura, Yura on both 1000 and 2335 on 6 December. Strong signals in Florida on daily basis (Wilkner, XM-Cedar Key, MR - Plantation)

4795.87, Radio Lîpez, Uyuni on at 1000 espa00l, m'sica. 7 December but Not noted from 2330 to 0100 recently.

5952.488, Radio Pîo XII, Siglo XX, Llallagua, Potosî, om and yl en espa00l. 10 December. 73s de (Bob Wilkner, Drake R8 -746Pro Modified - NRD 535D, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

5952.473, Emisoras Pio XII, 0006-0015 Dec 10, Typical CP type music. You know the type, with a drum and whistles, trumpets and other instruments. At 0008 a female talks briefly while music is paused for a minute. Again at 0010 the female comments more. Signal was fair

(Chuck Bolland, Clewsiton FL, Excalibur, 26N 081W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. PHONE CALL WITH RADIO CENTENARIO LA NUEVA, DEC 9, 2011

According to David Marzana, director of Radio Centenario La Nueva, 4865 is "their" frequency. 6165 also. They broadcast during the day, from dawn to dusk. Both shortwave channels, including MW 1160, according to Marzan, send HCJB "Alas." If you believe Marzana, Radio Logos actually does not exist.

"But Ray Rising, then?" "Well, el se0or Rising was here and installed the transmitter and antenna." "Broadcast times?" No straight answer. "When and how do you identify on SW?" No straight answer. "Why all these questions?" "Well, there are listeners in Europe, NZ and USA who want to know. In WRTH, an international frequency list, 4865 and 6165 list Radio Logos. "Our shortwave broadcasts address most of the rural population. We broadcast in Quechua, Guarani and Aymara from 0530 in the morning. Then we take the micro programs from HCJB-Alas."

Both Radio Centenario and Radio Logos have separate licenses, Marzana says, but both stations are funded by the U.S. Mission Society EPLABOL. Email to the station's address in WRTH bounces back. Also the same for the address listed for Radio Centenario on HCJB-Alas' website. The Director's address, davidmarzana @ hotmail.com however does function, but Marzana open only mail from "safe" senders. Everything else ends up in the trash. "Has the director received the email from HCJB in Quito, where they attached my questions?" Answer: "I do not think so."

I told him I that I as an old SW listener have a letter from Radio Centenario in my possession. It is from the former director Pedro Salces Ruiz and is dated in October 1988. The letter came as a reply to a listening report I had sent. And then spelled my last name so that my email does not end up in the trash in the future. And when I promised to send a program schedule of the broadcast schedule by email, I concluded the conversation and said thank you and goodbye.

The Program schedule has not arrived yet.

My Bolivian friend Angel Oquendo in Stockholm has also been in telephone contact with Centenario / Logos, specifically with the program director named Oby (or Obie) Gira. But Angel didn't manage to get any better explanation than the one I now report. / Henrik Klemetz (Many thanks for very fresh and good details! / TN) (via Thomas Nilsson, Dec 12, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

Ray Rising, (formerly KŷLWJ, now K4LWJ), who is currently licensed in

Bolivia as CP6RR. Ray attracted international attention in the 1990s, when he was abducted by guerrillas in Colombia and held for ransom for 810 days, before being released. Today, he works on behalf of a worldwide mission headquartered in North Carolina, whose goal it is to provide the means to communicate with various indigenous peoples, especially in third world countries. This group has translated the Bible into a number of obscure languages, bringing its teachings to people who have heretofore had little contact with outsiders. In Bolivia, they also broadcast programs in some of the Indian languages. Ray maintains the broadcast stations.

From <http://www.tcdxa.org/Newsletters/December2004Grayline.pdf>
(SW Bulletin Dec 11 via DXLD)

** BOTSWANA. Voice of America relay, 909 kHz // 4930, Selebi-Phikwe. Dec 9, 2011, Friday. 0255-0337. Carrier is already on by 0255. At *0258 "This is the Voice of America, Washington DC, signing on", then Yankee Doodle Dandy. Repeated twice then at 0300 into "Daybreak Africa". At 0330 "International Edition". Very good on 4930 at 0300, a few minutes before sunrise here.

// 909 at 0303 is much weaker but quite clear (apart from the buzz from the crappy chinese low-energy light bulbs we now have to use domestically here in SA, whilst thanks to government hypocrisy the City Councils and the Roads Agency often leave street and motorway lights on 24/7. No wonder there was an actual punch-up at COP17 in Durban yesterday. Candles are very appealing to this MW Dx'er in this self-promoting World Class City of Jo'burg). By 0330, 4930 is still very good, but // 909 is getting hard to read. Twenty minutes after sunrise it is only just getting light, because of the heavy cloud-cover and rain. Jo'burg sunrise 0309 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOTSWANA [and non]. Hi Glenn, I have done another of my complete medium wave trawls, but unfortunately I picked two days of atrocious medium wave propagation to do it. This is everything that could be heard on MW, in Jo'burg on these two evenings. Most interesting though, it seems that our local Chinese Community Radio is about to come back on air after more than a year's absence. Regards, Bill.

Radio Botswana. 945 Gabarone. Dec 12, 2011, Monday. 1826-1830. SeTswana, OM's talking, but unreadable. Very poor, at noise level. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

Radio Botswana, 1071 Jwaneng // 1215 Mahalapye. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1755-1807. SeTswana, hymns sung by choir. To news in english at 1800. Poor, almost unreadable. Whiney QRN from somewhere, and totally fading out at times. Normally, Selebi Phikwe on 621 is //, but not there tonight. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

Radio Botswana, 1215 Mahalapye // 1071 Jwaneng. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1755-1807. SeTswana, hymns sung by choir. To news in english at 1800. ID at 1805 "This news is coming to you from Radio Botswana in Gaberone". Fair. Readable but fadey, with atmospheric QRN. Normally, Selebi Phikwe on 621 is //, but not there tonight. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

Radio Botswana, 1215 Mahalapye. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1827-1832. SeTswana, afro music and songs. Fair signal when its there, but it keeps fading to below noise level. Faded out completely at 1830 and didn't come back. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

Voice of America relay, 909 Selebi-Phikwe. Dec 12, 2011, Monday. 1822-1825. Shona, "Studio Seven" talking about HIV and AIDS in Zimbabwe. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1654 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOTSWANA. 17715, Dec 13 at 1453, Amerenglish with heavy flutter on audio and frequency wobbling by Doppler. Scheduled as VOA at 14-15, 100 kW, 350 degrees, to shift to 10 degrees at 15-16 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. Para aonde v,,o os 100 KW da Tupi AM 1280 do Rio?

Sim, amigos, esta È a minha d'vida cruel j· faz muito tempo. Vou explicar. A Tupi AM 1280 kHz do Rio de Janeiro se gaba de ter um transmissor de 100 kW, estado sùlido e atÈ se autodenomina Super R·dio Tupi. No entanto, onde moro, em MacaÈ-RJ, a cìrca de 180 km da capital ou algo em torno de 160 km linha reta, È uma das 3 ou 4 que n,,o chegam por aqui (ou È quase nìvel de ruìdo). Mesmo outras estaÁies do RJ, com 25 ou mesmo 10 kW chegam perfeitamente. A Tupi perde feio para a Globo AM com seus 150 kW.

Chego ‡ conclus,,o que tem alguma coisa errada alì. Parece que antigamente ela compartilhava a sua torre com a Tamoio (900 kHz), outra tambÈm que n,,o chega por aqui. Acredito que n,,o tenha mais isto, nem que utilize aquele arranjo de 2 antenas fasadas para adicionar direcionalidade. AlguÈm tem alguma informaÁ,,o? Eles tem ciìncia da deficiìncia de sinal por estas bandas, pois arrendaram a 1340 kHz de Rio Bonito, caminho para a Regi,,o dos Lagos, mas esta com seus 5 kW tambÈm quase n,,o chega por aqui. N,,o seria mais f·cil colocar os 100 kW de verdade no ar?

E olha que a Tupi È praticamente 1º lugar de audiìncia em quase todas as 24 horas do dia na capital. Quem È do Rio, faÁa um teste, passe no viaduto de Manilha, cìrca de 16 km linha reta apenas da torre, vejam como o sinal ali tem um grave problema de fase, chega muito distorcido e enfraquece, mais pra frente volta ao normal. AlguÈm conhece a torre

da Tupi? N,,o sei se em outras direções isto acontece também. 73 a todos (lima_mrcio, 14 Dez, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 5055 11.12 R·dio difusora C·ceres. Jag fick en inspelning på den OID jag h·rt f·rut på 5055. Skickade insp till HK, så vi får se om han får fram ngt. De öppnade i morse (nyss!) kl 08.01.45 UTC. Om jag får snabbt svar, h·r jag av mig. Lite senare kommer svar från HK: î Lyssnar just nu på AM-inspelningen. ID %r klart: R·dio difusora C·ceres.î Han fixar det mesta! Stort tack till Henrik f·r detta. AN (Ovanlig fångst! Grattis /TN)

5055, 11 Dec, R·dio difusora C·ceres. I got a recording on the unID I have heard before on 5055. I sent the recording to Henrik Klemetz, so we'll see if he gives a fast reply. The station signed on this morning at 0801:45 UT. Just a few minutes later came the reply from HK who says, "I am listening now at the AM-recording. ID is clear: R·dio difusora Caceres." HK fixes everything ! A big thank you to Henrik for this. AN (Arne Nilsson, Sweden, SW Bulletin Dec 11, translated b y editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST) (Unusual catch: Congratulations / TN) (Thomas Nilsson, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, ibid.) C·ceres is in Mato Grosso [Norte]

** BRAZIL. 5970, R·dio Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, heard at 0054 UT on December 13 2011 with comedy show, station ID's, news and sports clips. Lots of sound effects in the comedy show as well as a canned laugh track! SINPO 35433.

Well, I have to say the Wellbrook loop definitely is much, much better than my straight 100m longwire. My line noise and other locally generated junk is down at least 35-40 dB. The loop really was a good investment and it has paid off with my first logging of Radio Itatiaia! (Al Muick, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, USA, WinRadio G303e, Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop (oriented N-S), Accesory: Hoka Code 300-32 Demodulator v3.08, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. R·dio Senado: Via Ondas Curtas. Utilizar um receptor de radio que possua faixa para ondas curtas em 49 metros. Frequência de 5990 kHz, na faixa de 49 metros. Transmitindo para as regies Norte e Nordeste.

345 degrees curtain antenna at
15 36 15.06 S 48 97 52.56 W

<<http://maps.google.de/maps?hl=de&ll=-15.604144,-48.131014&spn=0.001948,0.003484&t=h&z=19&vpsrc=0>>

<<http://www.senado.gov.br/noticias/radio/historia.asp>>

ProgramaÁ,,o da R·dio Senado:

<<http://www.senado.gov.br/noticias/radio/programacao.asp>>

5990.000, R·dio Senado, Brasília heute am 4. Dez. mit der Senderaufschaltung um 0746:40 UT. Ein richtiger CRASH start direkt hinein in den Gesang einer Brasilianisch-Portugiesisch sprachigen Saengerin.

12 seconds ahead of web livestream

<<mms://karazhan.senado.gov.br/wmtencoder/radio2.wmv>>

(Wolfgang B,schel, Dec 3/4, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 9 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Esp·rio da R·dio da Igreja Deus È amor --- Ol· amigos, J· a algum tempo venho reparando um esp·rio com ·udio distorcido em torno de 6421 Khz, com a programaÁ,,o do Pastor Davi Miranda (Igreja Deus È amor) aqui em MacaÈ-RJ. Sabendo que esta programaÁ,,o È irradiada na faixa de 49 metros em pelo menos 3 frequências, 6060, 6070 e 6120 kHz, eu pergunto: alguÈm recebe este esp·rio em seu QTH com forte intensidade? Outro dia reparei que a 6070, transmitida de S,o GonÁalo-RJ, estava fora do ar (ou sem propagaÁ,,o) mas o esp·rio em 6421 kHz estava incomodando por aqui. Logo cheguei ‡ conclus,,o que provavelmente tal interferência pode ser proveniente de alguma das outras duas restantes. AlguÈm tem alguma informaÁ,,o a respeito? 73 (lima_mrcio [sic], 13 de dez, 6:36 am [zone?], radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD) No specific time given but frequently heard

** BRAZIL. Sinal-hor·rio --- Um pequeno detalhe: O ON [ObservatÓrio Nacional, 10000] transmite em AM-USB, ou seja, AM mas com apenas a banda lateral superior! (e a portadora evidentemente!) Pode ser obviamente recebido num receptor AM, ou ainda em USB, mas NVO em LSB! Vejam o espectrograma aqui:
<http://www.qsl.net/py4zbz/ON270309.GIF>

Sinais horarios de ON, RWM e WWV --- Vejam aqui:

<http://www.qsl.net/py4zbz/sdr/sdriq.htm#b>

73 de (Roland, PY4ZBZ, Dec 9, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Sabato 10 dicembre 2011, 0720 - 9819.7 kHz, R. 9 DE JULHO - S. Paulo (Brasile), Canto di chiesa. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente

Sabato 10 dicembre 2011, 0725 - 9675 kHz, R. CAN«VO NOVA - Cachoeira Paulista (Brasile), Portuguese, talk OM e canto locale. Segnale buono-sufficiente (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 15190 13/Dec 1800 BRASIL, R Inconfidência, in PP. Absolute signal of Radio Inconfidência, in the frequency. At 1803 full ID. Good signal, but slight distortion in the modulation 73 (Jorge Freitas,

Feira de Santana, BA, 12 14~~5~~S 38 58~~4~~W, Brasil, Dipole antenna for 16 meters, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. 7400, Dec 14 at 0604, strong open carrier, some very weak modulation underneath it, then the carrier cuts off. YL talking, bits of Bach, 0610 Beethoven theme opening another program. Nothing but R. Bulgaria scheduled, and here's what must be happening:

Aoki and EiBi show daily at 0600-0630 R. Bulgaria in Turkish, 170 kW, 126 degrees from Plovdiv; 0630-0700 German, 170 kW, 306 degrees. As we already know, RB kilowastes kilowatts turning on its transmitter long before scheduled German at 0630 (and indeed it was back on by 0620 if not sooner). So R. Bulgaria was interfering with itself, two transmitters on from same site, aiming exactly opposite direxions, Bulgarians vs Bulgarians! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA [non]. 6225, KAZAKHSTAN, Democratic Voice of Burma, via Almaty-Nikolayevka 1434. Woman and man in presumed Burmese. Poor. Dec 10 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna on the car roof, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CABINDA. Cabinda! Whatever is a Cabinda? It is not an explosive comment indicating some form of sudden accomplishment during a magic show in front of an appreciative audience. It is not a small animal found only in the Amazon Basin in South America. It is not an exotic fruit found only in Goa, India. It is instead a small one-time Portuguese territory in Africa.

The word Cabinda sounds like it could have been taken into the Portuguese language from the international word "cabin", meaning a small house like was used at the colonial trading posts in Africa during the era of European domination. Or perhaps this word Cabinda was formed from an African word in use in the territory during the era of European colonization in Africa. Or maybe both origins are combined into the name for this very small territory.

In any case, Cabinda is the name of a small territory on the Atlantic coast of Africa, just below the large continental bulge on the west side. If you look at a color map of Africa, you will see that Cabinda is the smallest defined territory on the entire continent.

The shape of the territory of Cabinda could be described as a parallelogram with a shallow bend in the middle. Each arm is about 250 miles long and the entire territory is about 80 miles wide. The regional capital of Cabinda territory is Cabinda city, located on the coast towards the south of the province. The entire province has a

population of around a million. In 1954, offshore oil was discovered and these days oil is their main export, at the remarkable rate of a million barrels a day. Historically, the area was first settled by the African Bushmen; and some 1500 years ago, the Bantu swarmed into the territory in a massive migration. Portuguese explorers first visited the coastal areas in 1482, followed soon afterwards by traders & missionaries.

The Dutch & the English also established trading posts in Cabinda; and the area was also traversed by the famous Dr. David Livingstone at the beginning of his trans-Africa trek in May 1854. The Portuguese assumed a protectorate over Cabinda in 1885; and in 1975, Cabinda was formally integrated into Angola as a province, though it is separated from the main territory of Angola itself by a narrow strip of the Congo about 50 miles wide at the ocean front. It was not until the year 1987 that the defined boundaries for Cabinda were finally established.

The first radio broadcasting station in Cabinda was inaugurated on shortwave in 1958, with just 25 watts. However, during the following year, the electronic equipment at this new radio enterprise was upgraded to 1 kW during the day and 250 watts at night on the shortwave channel 5055 kHz.

This original radio broadcasting station in Cabinda was operated in the same way as in several other Iberian colonies in Africa and elsewhere, and that was under the auspices of a radio club. In Cabinda, as would be expected, this local club organization was named Radio Clube de Cabinda.

Three years later, a mediumwave channel was added, and this was at 1 kW on 1340 kHz. Some ten years later again, an additional program channel was inaugurated and the full radio service on both channels in 1973 shows:-

Mediumwave 1349 kHz @ 1 kW & 1250 kHz @ 5 kW

Shortwave 5035 kHz @ 1 kW & 6025 kHz @ 5 kW

It should also be mentioned that by this time, the Cabinda radio transmitter base was located at suburban Tenda, and the officially allocated callsign was CR6RW. This callsign looks like an amateur call, though in reality it was a regular radio broadcasting station. All transmitters at Cabinda were on the air under the same callsign CR6RW, regardless of which unit was in use.

In 1984, the shortwave channel was changed to the more familiar 4970 kHz and this was in use until the mid 1990s. In 1997, the shortwave channel was listed as inactive, and the final showing in the World Radio TV Handbook for shortwave is for the year 2002.

Currently, just three radio channels are shown as on the air in

Cabinda and these are:-

1278 kHz @ 25 kW 1530 kHz @ 10 kW 91.3 FM @ 4 kW, but no shortwave.

It should also be mentioned that a clandestine radio broadcasting station was on the air in the area during the mid 1990s. This was a low powered operation noted on various channels in the 3 4 & 5 MHz range, and each broadcast was on the air for just 20 minutes. This station, with its unstable transmitter, claimed to be located in Cabinda, but in reality it was located in nearby Zaire, close to the border with Cabinda.

Additionally, there was another shortwave transmitter on the air with broadcast programming for a while in Cabinda, and this was located at the industrial coastal town of Molongo, a few miles north of the capital city, Cabinda. This station was operated by one of the large oil companies for the benefit of its many employees, some of whom were on duty at isolated locations. Radio Molongo was known to be active in 1977, with 5 kW on 4822.5 kHz.

Going back to the original Radio Clube station in Cabinda, it is known that at least one QSL card was in use. This was a plain text card giving the callsign CR6RW and the address in Cabinda. It would seem that this would indeed be a very rare QSL card (Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR Wavescan script for Nov 6 via DXLD)

** CANADA. 530, CIAO Toronto, in Hindi with subcontinental music and commercial announcements with telephone numbers given in English. Heard at 1006 UT on 12 December 2011. SINPO 42433 with bad QRM from Enciclopedia Cuba, co-channel (Al Muick, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, USA, WinRadio G303e, Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Does anybody know what's the new name that CJEU 1670 is carrying? Clip attached. I heard it mentioned several times but don't understand the word before radio. 73, (Guido Schotmans, Belgium, Dec 5, RealDX yg via DXLD)

1 of 1 File(s)

CJEU unid name 1670 kHz 27-11-2011 0059 UTC.mp3

``Real Radio`` (Gert, ibid.)

Hi Gert, Tnx. Are you guessing or do you know it for sure? I can't find anything about it on the web (Guido, ibid.)

According to the Finnish KOJE list this is the new ID for CJEU (Gert, ibid.)

What I hear is "...Ville Radio" which may refer to Radio Ville-Marie 1350 since both frequencies were running in // with CJEU programming a couple of weeks ago.

I'm not completely sure however and I doubt that it is the word "real" as suggested by the KOJE list because it sounds too French for that. To my ears, the first letter sounds much more like a V than a R. Can you post another recording opening up your filter a bit Guido?

Quite confusing those two frequencies in Gatineau (Sylvain Naud, Quebec, *ibid.*)

Hello Sylvain, I also have my doubts about the correctness of that Real Radio. Although, my native language isn't French, I'm used to hear a lot of French as a Belgian citizen. I can't find a French word that fits. It sounds more like Reel Radio, and not pronounced as the English word "reel" or "real". In the mean time, I've dropped a message at Radio Enfant. Let's see if they will reply. A new clip is attached (Guido Schotmans, *ibid.*)

Indeed Guido, I now hear "Reel Radio" pronounced \ddot{r} la franÁaise !! This is a very strange slogan if it is. Prior to your latest post, I've dropped an email to Radio Ville-Marie. Let's wait and see now... (Sylvain Naud, *ibid.*)

Or probably RÊel Radio, the night programme of Oxygene.
http://oxygeneradio.ca/index.cfm?Voir=menu&Repertoire_No=2137990852&M=3349
<http://www.facebook.com/radiooxygene?sk=photos#!/radiooxygene?sk=info>
(Fredrik DourËn, Sweden, *ibid.*)

Yes Fredrik, that fits! And it is on the air at 20 hours local as mentioned in the clip. Thanks (Guido, *ibid.*)

Wow! The word "rÊel" is pronounced so fast that I wouldn't thought of it (Sylvain Naud, *ibid.*)

Indeed. I would expect pronunciation as "rÊjel radio" (Guido Schotmans, *ibid.*)

** CANADA. 6030, Dec 12 at 0610, Xmas song by Loretta Lynn, must be CFVP Calgary, as DentroCuban jamming is again absent this UT Monday while R. MartÌ is resting at 04-10. Still QubaRM tnx to overload from RHC 6010 and 6050, with Morse code introduction of DXers Unlimited at 0612 vs this hectowatt signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Sabato 10 dicembre 2011. 0832, 7850 CHU - Ottawa (Canada) - Segnali di tempo - SF/IN. Saranno segnali bassi ma, tra balun coassiali e splitters toroidali, si sentono belli puliti! (Luca Botto

Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** CANADA. QSL: Caros amigos, Seguem os dados da última confirmação, recebida: 12577 - VFF - Iqaluit Radio - Recebido PPC carimbado e assinado, prospecto da Guarda Costeira Canadense e bonito im, de geladeira em tamanho de cartão postal (curioso!). 45 dias. V/S: Ilegal. QTH: Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Canadian Coast Guard, Officer-in-Charge - MCTS, PO Box 189, Iqaluit, NWT, X0A 0H0, Canadá.

Enviei um informe para a referida estação pois vi um email destacando a generosidade e atenção por parte da Guarda Costeira Canadense. Esta inclusive é a segunda emissora utilitária do Canadá que consegui confirmar. A imagem da confirmação será disponibilizada em breve em meu blog. 73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, <http://ivandias.wordpress.com> <http://twitter.com/ivandiasjr> radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** CHAD. Radio Chad. 6165, N'Djamena. Dec 7, 2011, Wednesday 2240-2310. French. Afro music with some songs in French. OM talking at 2300 with several mentions of N'Djamena and Chad, back to music at 2304. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1651 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ZAMBIA

6165, Radiodiffusion Nationale Tchadienne from N'Djamena, received on Dec. 10, 2011 at around 2000 UT. Political speech in French about justice, terrorism, corruption and other issues, followed by applause. Then African music. Fair to good signal, sometimes mixed with other stations broadcasting on that frequency. Recording available at <http://youtu.be/GFd3jFqBAaQ> (Tudor Vedeanu, Gura Humorului, Romania, Etûn E1XM, 100m longwire antenna with Wellbrook UMB balun, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE. 17680, Dec 10 at 1359, CVC La Voz in Spanish with promo about winning US\$500 for sending them a SW reception report! (I assume there is some catch, like a drawing.) Gave p-mail as Apartado 395, Talagante, Santiago; also by texting or e-mail oc @ cvclavoz.com Info about other contests, but not mentioning reception reporting: <http://cvclavoz.com/concursos/> Should you win as a result of reading this, how about sending me a cut?

17680, Dec 12 at 1530, CVC La Voz with fully-detailed announcement about their \$500 contest. One listener per month wins that; seems they are more interested in knowing *why* you listen to them on SW, than getting formal reception reports. Gave text number and postal address. Winners also get to meet (? in some way) their favorite announcer. I assume saying ``Escucho para ganar quinientos dólares`` would be a bit

crass, but eligible? Are the winners chosen by truly random drawing or does what they say matter? You never really know, dealing with stations on a politico-religious mission, and not subject to FCC rules (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 13850, Chinese crash & bang music, fair 0140 11/7 (Larry Russell, Flushing MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD) MORE Firedrake

EAST JAMMERSTAN/CRASHANDBANGISTAN:

12230, with Crash & bang Firedrake // 13850, 13920, 13970 & 14700 0422-0425 3/Dec.

12230 still Firedraking with // 13850 & 13920, 1237-1240. They have lots of electricity to burn I guess! 3/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

Domenica 4 dicembre 2011. 1057, 12230, FIREDRAKE vs. SOH (non ascoltata) - SF/IN (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

11945, Firedrake Jammer, 12/5, 1930, alone on the band due to luck (for them) and anemic band conditions. Later recheck showed F.D. music off, but M in Chinese that might have been unfettered R.F.A.

12/7, 1030-1050, FIREDRAKES non noted on any frequency, new or usual. Band conditions generally poor under 8 MHz. at this session anyway (Rick Barton, El Mirage, AZ, Drake R-8, Hammarlund SP-600, Palomar MW Loop, Outdoor Slinky, Panasonic RF-2200, ABDX via DXLD)

Firedrake December 8, before 1400:

11500, fair at 1358, only one found under 19 MHz before 1400

After 1400:

15495, good at 1410, unusual spot: presumably driven by latest jump of V. of Tibet via Tajikistan, but not yet in Aoki Dec 8 1300 edition, which had VOT on all these *jammed off-frequencies at various odd times between 1200 and 1430: 15387, 15397, 15437, 15443, 15537, 15547, 15564, 15568, 15573.

15500, good at 1420, Firedrake had moved here from 15495. Still can't detect any carrier within 2-3 kHz from presumed V. of Tibet target (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Venerdĭ 9 dicembre 2011, 1122 - 15375 kHz, CNR 1+MOTOR JAMMERS. vs. RFA Tibetano+Fu Hsing BC Taiwan (entrambe non ascoltate) Segnali buoni-sufficienti.

Venerdĭ 9 dicembre 2011, 1240-1244 - 12230 // 12500 // 13970 kHz,

FIREDDRAKE vs. SOH Taiwan (non ascoltata). Altri Firedrake, sopra e sotto tali frequenze, a tale orario al mio QTH non li ho sentiti (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

Firedrake Dec 9, after 1400:

15495, very good with flutter at 1406, during initially rather unfamiliar passage in the 60-minute loop skipped on most frequencies. Presumably here again as yesterday to block unheard V. of Tibet 2 or 3 kHz away. Had just come on, not there a couple minutes earlier as I tuned by.

Before 1500:

1454-1500, none found manually tuning quickly from 7 to 19 MHz

Firedrake Dec 10, before 1500:

12300, recent new frequency, very good with flutter at 1457-1500*. No others found 7-19 MHz by 1500. Suspect most of them were off as surely a few more should have been propagating, unless a very narrow LUHF/MUF window at the moment.

9790 // 9905 // 7445 // 6145, Dec 10 at 1513, Chinese synchronized, and about two seconds behind on 9810. Is this RFA or CNR1 jamming? The latter, as investigated in Aoki listings:

9790 has RFA via Saipan, 9905 RFA Palau, 7445 RFA Tinian, 6145 RTI, all of which Must Be Jammed, while 9810 is a legit CNR1 service via Nanning 954 site.

Firedrake Dec 10, before 2400:

13920, JBA at 2331

16100, very poor at 2332

16980, very poor at 2332; none in the 12s, 14s, 15s, 17s, 18s

Firedrake Dec 11, before 1430:

11500, very poor at 1427; none in the 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s

12230, very good with flutter at 1426

12600, good at 1426

12670, good at 1426

13970, very good at 1428; none up to 19 MHz by 1434

Firedrake Dec 12, before 1500: None at all found between 1450 and 1455, tuning down the entire range from 19 to 7 MHz.

Firedrake Dec 13: NONE found 7-19 MHz before 1400.

Firedrake Dec 14, before 1400: NONE found 7-18 MHz at 1356-1400. Has there really been a drastic reduction in this jamming, or is it just propagation? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. UNID 7530 kHz: s/on 2300 in Chinese (?). At 2200-2230 UT Dec 8 I couldn't trace any SOH Chinese broadcast ... [see TAIWAN]

Probably SOH On Dec 8th at 2230-2300 UT on 7605 kHz in Chinese, piano music in background. No Firedrake music jamming. S=9+15dB in Japan. Audio feed off at 2300:39 UT, TX off at 2300:53 UT.

On 2256 UT strong carrier appeared on 7595 kHz. SOH Xi Wang Zhi Sheng in Chinese from Yangi Yul Tajikistan at 2300-2330 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, Dec 8, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 7105, Dec 10 at 2205, poor signal in Chinese, with flutter, mixing with something else, and one of them an echo apart from // 7440 with presumed CNR-1. When it comes to jamming Sound of Hope, the ChiCom say to the ham Intruder-Busters, ``stick it!``. Aoki shows *jammed SOH on 7105 this one hour only, 2200-2300, 100 kW, 325 degrees from Tanshui, TAIWAN.

However, on 7440, Aoki does not show CNR1, but CRI at 22-23, not only in Chinese southward from Kunming, but also in Japanese eastward from Beijing! VOA Chinese via Thailand is also on 7440 during this hour, so jamming that with CNR1 takes precedence over mere CRI broadcasts. If all are really on the air at 22-23, there is a 4-way collision over E Asia on 7440 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 4940, Voice of Strait 1509 English. iFocus on Chinaî news about China. Poor. Dec 10 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna on the car roof, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) Saturday

** CHINA. 5050, Beibu Bay Radio, 1300 + 1330, Dec 12. Last month changed ToH and BoH IDs to iLearn about the world. Get to know China. This is Beibu Bay Radioî, but today found they have reverted to their former multi-language IDs which includes English: iFM 96.4 Beibu Bay Radioî; mixing with AIR Aizawl. No sign of Ozy Radio.

5050, Beibu Bay Radio, random checking from 1311 to 1537, Dec 14. Unique format of long running bi-lingual drama in Chinese and Vietnamese; by 1537 back to normal format of pops songs and DJ in Vietnamese; moderate to strong AIR Aizawl QRM.

6035, PBS Yunnan/Voice of Shangri-La, 1256-1303, Dec 14. As Alokesh Gupta (India) has already reported in dxldyg, BBS/Bhutan was off the air today, so Yunnan again had sole possession here; pips and ID in English at ToH. Subsequent check at 1403 also found only Yunnan (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING

DIGEST) more below

** CHINA. Re 11-49: 5060, CHINA, Xinjiang PBS, <r,mqi. 0026 December 7, 2011. Asian language, seemingly Chinese, with male and female talk. Clear but poor, presumed (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 6035.00, Yunnan PBS, Kunming, fading in 1330-1420, Dec 14, Chinese (?) talk and orchestra music, 35433 // 7210 (15221) which got QRM from *1400. 6035 continued at 1400 with time signal, Chinese ID: "Yunnan renmin hwangpo dientai" and Vietnamese programme with news read by man and woman, 1410 jingle and comments, now improved to 44433. But repaired Bhutan transmitter was not yet heard either morning or evening ! Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 7420, Nei Menngu PBS, Hohot, 1155-1205 Dec 13 Chinese; W announcer thru ToH; M & W announcer over music at 1202; presumed news at 1203 with remote report; poor; // 9520-fair (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [and non]. 9785, Dec 13 at 1501, `China Drive` is opening, underneath a stronger carrier with hum, but clear by 1503. VOA Chinese during the previous hour via Tinang, PHILIPPINES, q.v. was a bit slow to turn off the carrier, tsk2; also jammed per Aoki. CRI 9785 is Jinhua site at 264 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 9890, CNR-13 Lingshi 1114-1134 Dec 13 listed Uighur; Alternating M & W announcers between music bits; talk over dramatic music & police sirens at 1128, sounds like a radio drama promo; lite music at BoH & M announcer with ID; CNR fanfare into M talk; fair-good; // 9420-poor (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO. [DR! there are two Congos, you know? -- gh] 5066 at 1545 UT fade/in past 1745 UT. R. Candip presumed regular in the last 2 weeks. Maybe due to national elections there (Victor Goonetilleke, 4S7VK, Sri Lanka, DXplorer Dec 7 via BC-DX Dec 9 via DXLD)

** CROATIA. 3985, Croatia Radio, 0310-0330 Dec 13, noted with English segment with a man and woman talking providing schedule and contact information. Then it was back to music programming including some Christmas stuff. Good signal (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** CUBA. 540, Radio Rebelde, Sancti Spiritus, Sancti Spiritus. 1821 December 12, 2011. Weak when nulling WFLF, Pine Hills, FL. [FTDE]

850, Radio Reloj, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud (and second site). 1825 December 12, 2011. Fair in local 860 splatter, but most interesting is that there was a second Reloj present with a slight delay, and much weaker. It would have to be from the western half of the island in order to be audible mid-day here (Terry L Krueger, local daytime logs, all times/dates in GMT, made at Fort DeSoto Park, Mullet Key, southern Pinellas County, using the Sangean PR-D5 portable, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Strong Cuban like a local --- Sometimes, a Cuban "pest" can be quite attractive especially with such a great local-like signal and I thought it worth mentioning. The following has been recorded at 0459 UT on last December 2nd at 900 KHz. This is CMKB, Radio Progreso with ID, anthem and "Nocturno" program announcement:

http://www.quebecdx.com/cuba_900.mp3

(Sylvain Naud, Portneuf, QC, rx: Perseus, ant: 1500 ft Beverage NE-SW with termination remotely disconnected

<http://www.quebecdx.com/beverages.html>

IRCA via DXLD)

Midnight 'sign-off' but not really, NA, and opening 'Nocturno' program. WRTM 2011 has 900 as 25 kW CMBC (a network, not individual call), Cacocum, Holguin (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA [and non]. 17235, Dec 8 at 1356, strange spot to be hearing lite Cuban pulse jamming --- no, not so strange when I realize it is the third harmonic of 5745 against R. Marti. First time I have heard 17235.

15312 & 15348, Dec 8 at 1417, approximate spots for pulse jamming spurs of wall-of-noise on 15330 vs R. Marti.

15380, Dec 9 at 1408, dead air with some hum from RHC, while normal on 13780 and the other frequencies. 1425 transmitter also cut off and on the air a few times, 1429 finally started modulating. Every day there is some anomaly on RHC if not several.

6150, Dec 10 at 0526, RHC English is back here instead of 6125 where it is supposedly scheduled after 0500. 6150 is quite undermodulated, and with heavy ACI from normally modulated 6145, Romania. Perhaps Arnie noticed my comment that RHC was only 5 kHz from itself in Spanish on 6120 during the 05-06 hour, but going back to 6150 is no improvement, and this transmitter is so pathetic that they might as well turn it off. Or: asleep at the switch and forgot to change to

6125 at 0500. 6120 modulation was louder but rough and still not up to par.

13780, Dec 10 at 1501, RHC frequency announcement has been corrected to say 13670 instead of defunct 13680, but still nonsensically mentions it twice, ``en 22 metros, 13670 hasta las 16, y tambi n 13780 y 13670 hasta las 16``. Attention announcer: please engage brain before reading what is put before you.

13640 & 13690, Dec 10 at 2156 no signal from RHC on either, but both are on at equal level in Spanish at 2208. 13640 is supposedly for Europe in Spanish at 22-24, as well as French/Portuguese/Arabic at 1930-2100. Originally Spanish followed immediately at 21-23 but when DST ended in Cuba Nov 13, the Spanish block shifted one hour later, while the others stayed put.

As an outlaw station, RHC refuses to participate in HFCC, and does not publish azimuths on its own website, but Aoki purports to have them, showing at 20-21, 13640 is 100 kW at 53 degrees, while at 22-24 it's 100 kW at 130 degrees, i.e. southeastward, NOT toward Europe --- and so is 13690, officially for S America --- with plenty of signal off the backs USward, 310 degrees.

RHC Sunday anomaly observations Dec 11: at 1415, missing from 9850, but still on weak 9540. It would seem that the 9850 transmitter is the one used for nonsensical Sunday-only 13750, except that frequency was also missing at 1428, while usual 13670 and 13780 were on. Another absentee: 15380 at 1431, but JBA under CRI Sackville on 15230.

13640, Dec 12 at 1947 check, huge collision between roughly equal bigsigs from RHC and AIR, both broadcasting to Europe in French, as has been the case since Nov 7 frequency changes by RHC. Both are outlaw stations, refusing to participate in HFCC, so serves them right for not co rdinating, but pity the poor listeners in Europe. I suspect the 500 kW, 300 degrees from Bangaluru have the advantage in Europe. Aoki claims the French segment from RHC at 1930-2000 is 100 kW, nondirexional, while Portuguese and Arabic after 2000 are on 53 degrees. How much longer will this go on? Both stations are obstinate, and we know Arnie doesn't ever want to admit he made a mistake. Reports, please, from Europe on how the mix is over there at 1930-2030 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CANADA/CUBA/INDIA: 13640, AIR Bangalore in Arabic propagating poor today Dec 13. Only tiny S=4 signal, just above threshold, noted here on various remote SDR units in Italy, Netherlands, and close to London-UK. Only signal in Greece was stronger of AIR Bangalore in Arabic.

Very late at 1931:10 UT RHC carillon/piano interval signal opened, equal signal level of RHC and AIR here in Europe, S=4 tonight, up to poor S=6 and very noisy background. Difference between RHC and RCI Sackville next door (see below) was -100 to -60dBm.

13650, Much, much stronger RCI Sackville in French, well propagating by 250 kW of power, S=9+25 to +30dB here in Europe at 1905 UT Dec 13, but decreased to S=9 at 1950 UT.

Reception and propagation tonight is not typical at least, not to compare with Glenn's reception on previous day.

US Radio Marti in Spanish on 11930 kHz at southerly azimuth from Greenville, North Carolina is much stronger than RHC 13640 kHz, so at least in months Dec to mid March - 13 MHz is too high on Cuba to Europe path.

To avoid RHC-AIR clash on 13640 kHz, would suggest to use any 11 MHz 25 mb instead, there are lots of empty channels at night (Wolfgang Bueschel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15380, Dec 14 at 1404, RHC has CCI in unknown language producing rippling (rather rapid) SAH (subaudible heterodyne). Must be BSKSA Arabic, scheduled in HFCC only at 12-14, 310 degrees from Riyadh, to CIRAF 39N, i.e. Turkey, but 500 kW carrying on far beyond. Aoki shows HQS rather until 1355, apparently running this transmitter overtime (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** CUBA. HOMENAJE A ORLANDO CASTELLANOS EN RADIO HABANA CUBA**
Lunes, 12 de Diciembre de 2011

El destacado pintor Francis Fernández Trujillo, graduado hace siete años de la Academia de San Alejandro, entregará a Radio Habana Cuba, como regalo en el año del aniversario 50 de la emisora, un cuadro con el retrato del locutor, periodista y realizador radial Orlando Castellanos Molina.

La entrega del cuadro se efectuará en la sede de Radio Habana Cuba el miércoles 14, Día del Trabajador de la Cultura, en un acto que será transmitido en vivo desde el Estudio que oficialmente se denominará "Orlando Castellanos", en homenaje a quien fue uno de los fundadores de la emisora hace medio siglo.

Calificado como un hombre-radio Castellanos fue uno de los más destacados realizadores de Radio Habana Cuba y en la emisora tuvo a su cargo, entre otros programas, el más famoso de todos: "Formalmente Informal", para el cual realizó numerosas entrevistas a personalidades notables dentro y fuera de Cuba.

Castellanos nació en Ciego de Avila el 24 de diciembre de 1930 y falleció en La Habana el 19 de enero de 1999.

Francis Fernández (1978) fue uno de los artistas que participó en la Exposición "Cuba Pinta a Guayasamín", inaugurada hace dos años en la Capilla del Hombre, en Quito. Ha participado en una docena de exposiciones colectivas dentro y fuera de Cuba, y en exposiciones personales en el Teatro Mella, la Casa Museo José Lezama Lima y la Casa Museo Dulce María Loynaz, todas en La Habana.

(Fuente: Radio Habana Cuba) TOMADO DE:
<http://www.cubaperiodistas.cu/noticias/diciembre11/12/08.htm>
Imagen cortesía de: <http://www.lajiribilla.cu>
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** CUBA. 5025, Radio Rebelde, received on Dec. 11, 2011 at 0300 UT with a live sports broadcast (boxing maybe?) and station ID at 0300. Then later some very nice Cuban music. An excellent S9+ signal for a few hours in the early morning here in Romania. Recording available at <http://youtu.be/vdvDfSeAgBU>
Best regards, (Tudor Vedeanu, Gura Humorului, Romania, EtUn E1XM, 100m longwire antenna with Wellbrook UMB balun, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. HAVANA LOSING GRIP ON SOCIAL NETWORKS

Despite all the restrictions and impediments, a growing number of Cubans are finding their way on to the internet and joining social networks. The Cuban government has also joined the cyber revolution and has a cautious presence on line. Unfortunately for the government, the people it is meeting online cannot really be called friends.

Read the story on the RNW website
<http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/havana-losing-grip-social-networks>
(December 12th, 2011 - 11:44 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. NOVEDADES SOBRE EL FUTURO DE RADIO MARTÍ by gruporadioescuchaargentino

La junta que supervisa Radio/TV Martí no brindó suficiente información al Congreso sobre sus costos y su audiencia en Cuba, según un informe difundido el martes por la Oficina de Fiscalización Gubernamental (GAO) de Estados Unidos.

En un informe escrito en duros términos, GAO recomendó además a la Junta Directiva de Radiodifusión (BBG) que estudiara la posibilidad de

icompartir recursosí entre las estaciones Martí y la División Latinoamericana de la Voz de Estados Unidos de América (VOA).

BBG, de nueve miembros y radicada en Washington, supervisa todas las emisoras del gobierno, incluyendo las Martí, VOA, Radio Europa Libre, Radio Libertad, Radio Asia Libre y la Red de Radiodifusión del Medio Oriente.

Establecidas durante la administración del presidente Ronald Reagan para romper el monopolio del gobierno cubano sobre la información en la isla, las estaciones Martí han sido durante mucho tiempo una de las partes m·s polémicas de las operaciones de BBG. Muchos críticos han estado recomendando que se cierren o se subordinen a la sección en español de VOA.

El resumen de GAO seòalû que en el 2010 las comisiones de asignaciones de la Cámara y el Senado ordenaron a BBG que presentara un plan iestratÈgicoí de transmisiones a Cuba, incluyendo audiencias, costo por audiencia, mÈtodos de transmisión y otras medidas.

Pero al plan que BBG presentô en agosto ile faltaba información claveí, aòadiû GAO.

iDe los seis requisitos en la directiva, concluimos que el plan estratÈgico de BBG se ocupaba completamente de uno y sôlo en parte de los otros cincoí, explicô el informe.

El plan de BBG alegaba que no podïa estimar su audiencia actual en la isla porque los cubanos viven bajo una dictadura y a menudo temen admitir que escuchan transmisiones extranjeras, segùn el informe de 18 p·ginas de GAO.

Pero GAO seòalû que, del 2003 al 2008, BBG habïa llevado a cabo de todos modos encuestas telefûnicas de las familias cubanas para estimar el tamaïo de su audiencia.

Esos sondeos indicaron que menos del 2 por ciento de los adultos cubanos en familias con líneas telefûnicas terrestres admitieron que escuchaban o veïan Radio/TV Martí semanalmente, aòadiû el informe de GAO.

BBG argumentô que la encuesta del 2008 mostraba una notable disminuciûn en el alcance de todas las emisoras extranjeras entre las audiencias de Cuba, en comparaciûn con aïos anteriores, lo cual causô preocupaciones sobre la validez de los resultados de esa encuesta.

iComo resultado, desde el 2008, BBG no ha llevado a cabo encuestas telefûnicas a cubanos para estimar el tamaïo de la audiencia de Radio

y TV Martí, señaló el informe de GAO.

BBG dijo el martes en un comunicado que seguiría la recomendación de estudiar la posibilidad de compartir los recursos de Martí con VOA, y repitió su argumento de que es difícil, si no imposible, estimar el tamaño de las audiencias de las emisoras en Cuba.

El informe de GAO agregó que BBG tampoco incluyó en su plan estratégico un estimado de la efectividad de los diversos métodos de transmisión [de Radio/TV Martí] para aumentar el tamaño de la audiencia.

El gobierno de Cuba puede bloquear las transmisiones de TV Martí, pero tiene más problemas bloqueando las de Radio Martí, especialmente en áreas fuera de La Habana, según analistas estadounidenses de transmisiones.

TV Martí ha estado enviando sus programas a Cuba en los últimos meses usando DVD y unidades de memoria flash.

El informe de GAO señaló además que BBG había brindado a los investigadores de GAO parte de la información solicitada por el Congreso, pero que esta no había sido incluida en el plan estratégico del 2011.

Como ejemplo, señaló que una inspección del 2009 concluyó que un plan unificado de transmisiones a América Latina o el cual requería de coordinación entre Radio/TV Martí y VOA o poseía importancia estratégica.

Read more:

<http://www.elnuevoherald.com/2011/12/13/1083486/radio-y-tv-marti-bajo-escrutinio.html#ixzz1gTqTmFhB>

(via GRA blog via DXLD) English version:

GAO STRONGLY CRITICAL OF RADIO/TV MARTÍ MANAGEMENT

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Established during the Reagan administration to break the Cuban government's monopoly on information in the island, the Martí stations have long been one of the most controversial parts of the BBG operations. Many critics have long recommended that the stations be

shut down altogether or folded into the Spanish-language section of the Voice of America.

Read more from the Miami Herald

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/12/14/2545339/us-government-agency-says-radiotv.html>

(December 14th, 2011 - 11:23 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD) Viz.:

A U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCY SAID MARTÍ'S BOSSES FAILED TO PROPERLY INFORM CONGRESS ABOUT COSTS AND ITS AUDIENCE IN CUBA.

By Juan O. Tamayo

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The nine-member BBG, based in Washington, supervises all government broadcasters, including the Martí, VOA, Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia and the Middle East Broadcasting Network.

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The summary of the 18-page GAO report noted that in 2010 the House and Senate appropriations committees ordered the BBG to submit a strategic plan for broadcasting to Cuba, including audiences, costs per listener, broadcasting methods and other measurements. But the plan the broadcasting board submitted in August lacked key information, the GAO added. Of the six requirements in the directive, we found BBG's strategic plan fully addressed one and partially addressed the remaining five.

The BBG plan argued that it could not estimate its current audience on the island because Cubans live under a dictatorship and often fear admitting that they listen to foreign broadcasts, according to the GAO report.

But GAO noted that from 2003 to 2008, the broadcasting board nevertheless conducted telephone surveys of Cuban households to

estimate audience size.

Those surveys indicated that less than 2 percent of Cuban adults in households with land telephone lines acknowledged that they listened to or watched Radio/TV Martí on a weekly basis, the GAO report added.

The BBG argued that the 2008 survey showed a steep drop in the reach of all foreign broadcasters among Cuba audiences compared to previous years, which raised concerns about the validity of the results of that survey.

As a result, since 2008, BBG has not conducted telephone surveys of Cubans to estimate the audience size of Radio and TV Martí, the GAO report noted.

The BBG, in a statement Tuesday, said it would follow the recommendation to study sharing Martí resources with VOA, but repeated its argument that it is difficult if not impossible to estimate the size of the Martí audiences in Cuba.

The GAO report added that the BBG also failed to include in its strategic plan an estimate of the effectiveness of Radio/TV Martí's various transmission methods in increasing audience size.

The Cuban government effectively jams TV Martí's broadcasting but has more problems jamming Radio Martí, especially in areas outside Havana, according to U.S. broadcasting analysts.

TV Martí in recent months has been delivering its programs to Cuba using DVDs and flash memory drives.

The GAO report also noted that BBG had provided GAO investigators with some information that had been requested by Congress, but was not included in the 2011 strategic plan.

As an example, it noted that a 2009 review concluded that a unified broadcasting plan for Latin America — which called for coordination between Radio/TV Martí and VOA — was of strategic importance.

Read more:

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2011/12/14/2545339/us-government-agency-says-radiotv.html#ixzz1gXLHWIs5>
(via DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. [Re 11-49]: 7210-LSB, PENNSYLVANIA, COMMONWEALTH OF (QUASI-CLANDESTINE) N1NR [Nelson Roig], Bushkill. 1237 December 11, 2011. Excellent with his anti-Raul Castro rants in Spanish, rally for the children of the Revolution on the island to revolt, occasional few

seconds of exchanges with co-piggies, especially some female ARO he seemed particularly hot-to-trot for. Surprised Arnie hasn't placed a jammer on 7210 by now, local mornings. Maybe if we collectively make fake logs of Radio Rep'blica here with a killer signal, it will happen. Let's all do it for fun! (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS NORTHERN. 6150, Radio Bayrak International (tentative), 2234-2311 Dec 11, program of pop music with only announcement heard at 2302 in presumably Turkish language. More music programming. Periodically, heard some Chinese language programming fading up mixing with this. Poor (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** DOMINICA. 88.1, 08/12 0241, Dominica Broadcasting Services, Roseau, jingle da emissora, dance mx 45454. Informe de recepção preparado e áudio pronto para breve publicação em meu blog.

Equipamento utilizado:

Receptor Quicksilver QS1R

Perses Downconverter WB-80-120-TP

Amplificador Kitz Technologies KT-100VG

Antena FM5

Local da escuta: Apiaí/SP

73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP,
<http://ivandias.wordpress.com>
<http://twitter.com/ivandiasjr>
radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Caros amigos, Seguem os dados da última escuta em FM:

88.7, 08/12 0241, DMA, Kairi FM, Roseau, msg de final de ano da emissora, YL citando Dominica várias vezes, 33333. Informe de recepção preparado e áudio pronto para breve publicação em meu blog.

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<http://twitter.com/ivandiasjr> radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN. CHINA, Xinjiang PBS, 6190 kHz, 4 Dec, weak *0000 with 4+1 pips, then East is Red IS on flute and talk in presumed Mongolian, while searching unsuccessfully for DLF-Berlin. I was a bit surprised when I first heard it, but it was actually a near darkness path - 10 minutes before my local sunset and over an hour before Urumqi sunrise (Bruce Portzer, Seattle, WA, WInradio Excalibur, K9AY Antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN. Venerdì 9 dicembre 2011, 1110 - 9705 kHz, XINJIANG PBS - Urumqi (Cina), Kirghizo, nxs YL/OM. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente. Mi sembra, ovviamente non a tale ora, di avere notato che Niger ed Etiopia siano spente, non so dire esattamente da quanto tempo, piú o meno da molti giorni (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** EAST TURKISTAN. CHINA [and non]. Sabato 10 dicembre 2011:
Aah, bene, alcuni segnali long-path dalla Cina e il Mali:
0815 9470 XINJIANG PBS - Urumqi (Cina) - Kazakh - SF/IN
0817 9510 XINJIANG PBS - Urumqi (Cina) - Mongolian - SF/IN
0818 9560 XINJIANG PBS - Urumqi (Cina) - Uighur - SF/IN

0820 9635 RTV MALIENNE - Kati - Canto locale - S/IN
(Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD) Why do you think these are long-path??? (gh, DXLD)

** ECUADOR [non]. TECHNOLOGY CENTER IN INDIANA TO MARK 25TH ANNIVERSARY (Dec. 9, 2011 - by Dan Anderson and Marla Bender)

The HCJB Global Technology Center will be highlighting a ministry milestone when it celebrates its 25th anniversary on Thursday, Dec. 15, in Elkhart, Ind. The center is the technical arm of HCJB Global, a mission dedicated to partnering with Christians in media and healthcare to bring the voice and hands of Jesus to the unreached peoples of the world.

In the past 25 years, the center has provided media equipment, technical training and support to Christian media ministries in more than 100 countries.

With a handful of skilled engineers and Dave Pasechnik directing its operations, the center was established in 1986 as part of HCJB Global's iWorld by 2000 initiative. The goal of this campaign (later renamed iWorld by Radio) was to provide every man, woman, and child on earth the opportunity to turn on their radios and hear the gospel of Jesus Christ in languages they can understand so they can become responsible members of His church. Partner ministries such as TWR, Far East Broadcasting Co., SIM and Words of Hope have partnered with HCJB

Global in this endeavor.

The foundations for this cooperative ministry model were laid in early 1975 when Clarence Moore, founder of Crown International in Elkhart, invited HCJB Global to use his manufacturing facilities to design and build a 500,000-watt shortwave transmitter. This mammoth mouthpiece for the gospel would be capable of reaching distant targets, overcoming efforts by some to block radio signals that carried Christian programming. iProject 500i was completed in 1980, and the HC500 transmitter began broadcasting from Quito, Ecuador, in 1981.

When the center was officially established in 1986, it was again through the invitation of the Moore family that HCJB Global was provided with necessary floor space and access to manufacturing resources.

The initial goal of the center was to design and build affordable, energy-efficient 100,000-watt shortwave transmitters for World by 2000 ministry partners. Given the geopolitical conditions of the day, it was clear that many target audiences, isolated by political boundaries, could only be reached through the tool of high-power shortwave radio. A total of nine HC100 transmitters were built at the center, and six of them are still on the air, faithfully beaming the good news in dozens of languages from strategic broadcast locations around the globe.

With the fall of the Iron Curtain in the late 1980s, it became apparent that groups of Christians who had been isolated from contact with other believers had kept the faith for decades, many by listening to programs aired via shortwave from Radio Station HCJB in Ecuador.

Now, with newfound religious freedom, followers of Christ recognized the potential opportunity to establish local broadcast outlets that would assist them in spreading the gospel to their countrymen. Up to that time, broadcasting equipment was large, expensive and cumbersome. iWhat was needed were portable, easy-to-install FM transmitters suitable for local radio stations and easily transported internationally,i said David Russell, director of the Technology Center. To meet this need, engineers developed an FM transmitter large enough to reach a city and its surrounding communities, yet small enough to fit inside a suitcase.

With the development of this transmitter, a ministry thrust known as iradio plantingi got its start. Ministries from around the world began contacting the center for help in launching and maintaining their radio stations. More than 50 engineers, technicians and volunteers led by Russell have devoted themselves to providing these services.

One of the Technology Center's newest advancements was the creation of the Jack and June Nikkel Media Center, completed in 2010. This represents the center's commitment to help HCJB Global harness emerging media technologies for the gospel. The facility is named after the husband-and-wife team that volunteered for many years and gave toward the ministry.

The ministry is also involved in recruiting students for internships and on-campus projects that allow them to apply their skills and knowledge to Christian outreach. In addition, staff members organize local and international work teams, giving more people the opportunity to get involved in the outreach.

"We're not just passionate about providing tools to ministry partners," added Russell. "We're mobilizing more workers, discovering their potential through work teams and internships. It's here that we will train and equip others to harness the power of emergent technologies. We won't stop until everyone hears the gospel, and we'll use whatever it takes to make that happen."

Source: HCJB Global (press release Dec 9 via DXLD)

** EGYPT. 15080 kHz broadcast, R Cairo from Abis in Arabic to Sahel zone and West Africa. At present 1450 UT Dec 3 very unclear signal and some spurious on 15030 to 15080 kHz range as well as 15125 to 15170 kHz on upper side, extreme strong on 15131 kHz.

Also on 15060 kHz, R Cairo in Pashto, 5 kHz down from registration on nominal 15065 Radio Cairo 1300-1600 UT Pashto 250 kW, 70 degrees from Abu Zaabal-EGYPT in B11 (Wolfgang B. Schel, Dec 3, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 9 via DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [non]. Dear Glenn, As you requested, "Would others please check today in the 20-23 UT period for any sign of R. Africa vs. R. Inconfidência. 73, (Glenn Hauser, 2005 UT Dec 7, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1594, DX LISTENING DIGEST)"

I just checked 15190 here at 2150 UT, Dec. 09 in Denmark, but not even a carrier was heard. It is typical for the high frequencies around winter solstice, that they have faded out at this hour. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, I have checked the past few nights but I'm only hearing Radio Pilipinas and also Brazil on 15190 but no sign of Radio Africa (James MacDonell (Niger State, Nigeria), Dec 9, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST) v BRAZIL

Cf previous report under SOUTH CAROLINA [non] --- 15190, checking for

any signal from R. Africa, at the times Brother Scare thinx he is on the air, to E Africa, Monday at ``3-4 pm``, probably meaning EDT or EST: no sign of it Monday Dec 12 at several chex, circa 1855, 1947, 2050, 2110 UT. Only extremely weak carrier, probably Brasil at some points, or before 1930 Philippines. Meanwhile, Ascension with YFR on 15195 at 20-22 had its usual good signal, with flutter, and it's in the same neighborhood as Equatorial Guinea. If Brother Scare is really paying for airtime on ``R. Africa``, he's wasting his money, or rather that of the suckers who support him (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA/ETHIOPIA. 7174.980 / 7130.026 --- Usual frequency hopping in 41 mb, Eritrea starts on 7175 and 7130, but hop wandered to 7180, 7125, 7170, 7120, 7175 at 1550 UT and back also 2nd appearance on 7130 kHz. On Dec 2 at 15-16 UT. At 1530 UT Ethiopian "White Noise" jamming accompanied on 7170-7180 kHz range, not strong at S=7 level, ERI appeared adjacent on 7180 kHz.

7179.989 - Eritrea 1009 Hertz signal test tone noted at 1415 UT Dec 8. And with typical Horn of Africa music at 1706 UT on 7164.990 kHz.

7110.015 wandered to 7110.024 within 15 minutes. Usual frequency hopping, Eritrea here at 1650 UT Dec 8, but Ethiopian White Noise jamming on 7115 to 7126 kHz instead.

4770.011 [Tentative], Voice of the Broad Masses of Eritrea, Asmara, according to DSWCI DBS: of Px 2 at 0400-1000, 1300-2000 UT. Arabic / Afar / Amharic / Oromo / Saho / Bilen. Noted at 1738 UT, Dec 4, S=4-5 just above threshold. Signal noted on Colombo-CLN remote SDR unit, across the Indian Ocean (Wolfgang B.schel, Dec 2/4/8, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 9 via DXLD)

1730 UT, I can hear some Arab sounding language on 7165 kHz which is a ham-radio frequency. The signal is 9+10 db and R 4. Anybody have some information who this is? My location: 100 kilometers northwest of Vienna. Greetings (Tom/ham callsign OE3TWB, Dec 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Eritrea, I believe (Jari in Finland Savolainen, ibid.)

Hi Tom, It would be this:

7165 Vo Broad Masses 2(Dimtsi Hafash) 1730 1800 Somali Asmara-Selae
Daro Eritrea 1234567 VBME2 b11 100 ND 03852E1513N
73's (Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, ibid.) Citing Aoki (gh)

** ERITREA [and non]. Various frequencies, 1516-1540 11 Dec. Thanks to the Winradio's spectral display, I was able to watch and listen to a bizarre cat and mouse game, apparently between the Voice of the Broad

Masses and an Ethiopian jammer. Here's how it went as near as I was able to figure out:

1516 - tuned to 7190 and heard weak HOA music and talk. Wideband jamming started 1518.

1520 - station and jammer moved to 7175. Over the next few minutes, the station moved to 7165, 7180, and back to 7175 while the jammer stayed on 7175

1528 - station moved back to 7190 with HOA music at fair level. It had brief announcement and fanfare 1530, then what sounded like news in unID language. Jamming started 1532.

1534 - station left 7190, then showed up on 7175 appx 10 seconds later. Jammer moved to 7175 at 1537

1538 - station left 7175 and showed up on 7185 appx 20 seconds later. Jammer moved to 7185 at 1540. And so on and so forth...

This was just after sunset in Eritrea and just before sunrise in Seattle, which I guess qualifies as a short path greyline reception. I really have to wonder what the VotBM's target audience thinks of all this - are they actually willing to retune their radios every few minutes? (Bruce Portzer, Seattle, WA, WInradio Excalibur, K9AY Antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ERITREA. 7190, 11/12 1715, Voice of Broad Masses (presumed), ID at 1730 but not sure, vernacular, talks also about Somalia, Horn of Africa short piece of music, fair (not on my lists) (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, Excalibur Pro; ANT: T2FD di 15 metri; QTH: Milano citt , My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) VOBME keeps jumping around on 40m (gh)

** ETHIOPIA. 9560.5, (CLANDESTINE) Voice of Democratic Alliance (via Radio Ethiopia), Geja 1504 December 13, 2011. Presumed the program if the WRTVH 2010 listing remains accurate (p. 502-503). Threshold audio and as always, terribly low modulation on this transmitter.

9705.09, Radio Ethiopia, Geja. 1254-1303 December 11, 2011. Clear and fair with nice Horn of Africa vocals, 5 + 1 time sounders 1300, and immediately blasted by carrier up and male canned "Welcome to the Voice of America in Cantonese" (presumed via Saipan). Ethiopia still audible, but just barely under VOA. WRTVH-2011 lists domestic Radio Ethiopia in English 1200-1300, but if so, it was ending the block with local music on the back end (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 6110, Radio Fana, 0414-0438 Dec 12, nice Horn of Africa vocals followed by two men with discussion in Amharic language. More HoA music followed by a woman with ID and long talk from 0426. Fair (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-

340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE [and non]. 7220, Dec 8 at 0559, RFI is already on with musique which continued past 0601, instead of English instead of Hausa; while the French service on 7390 was in news instead of musique, as the rolling strike continues affecting different services on different days.

At 1409 Dec 8, both Spanish service on 17690 via GUIANA FRENCH, and French service direct on 17620 were in same RFI Musique fill.

9765, Dec 9 at 0635, chanson in French, so RFI Musique fill instead of regular English news programming; At 0636 the French service on 7390 was not replaced by musique; both with fair signals.

15300 and 17620 French service, much stronger 17690 Spanish service via GUIANA FRENCH, Dec 9 at 1410 all in // RFI musique strike-filler.

Another update from Mike Cooper to DXLD, earlier Dec 9: ``Workers at RFI voted today to extend the strike another day, until a meeting of workers on Friday afternoon. There were three votes to suspend the strike and five abstentions. At today's meeting, workers heard a statement from French presidential candidate François Holland (Socialist) "assuring RFI personnel of his full support."``

15300 and 17620, Dec 10 at 1332, break in musique for some news headlines in French, then a feature interview, so apparently not totally strike-filling musique at the moment from RFI; fair signals, the higher squeezed by Saudi on both sides (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RFI en huelga indefinida --- Publicado en el muro del castor Mensajero (RCI) en facebook por Gabriel Infante, Mexico:

"Amigos castoreanos y castoreanas les pido que apoyen al personal Radio Francia Internacional, que en estos momentos se encuentran en una huelga indefinida. Hace unos días emitieron una misiva dirigida a todos los oyentes y radios asociadas en la que explican la situación y las razones de la huelga, la pueden leerla en la siguiente liga http://equisy.blogspot.com/2011/12/radio-francia-internacional-en-huelga_713.html

equisy: Los ejes de la información: Radio Francia Internacional en huelga; su futuro está en juego equisy.blogspot.com
Dic 11, 2011 (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, Mi Blog: <http://lagalenadelsur.wordpress.com/condiglist> yg via DXLD)

La p-gina web de la emisora se0ala justamente que su actualizaci0n regular podr1a verse afectada por la huelga. 73 (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, ibid.)

7220, Dec 11 at *0559, RFI on with musical prÉlude (never any IS), 0600 timesignal, live timecheck for 06 UT, 7 am in Paris, and into English news headlines, as strike has been suspended. But on 7390, French service is playing jazz song in French, IDs as ``RFI Musique`` and in English as ``RFI Music``.

9765, // 7220, Dec 12 at 0619, hilife musique fill on RFI English frequencies, as the strike rolls on. Au contraire, 7390 French service is in French, not musique at 0628.

17690, Dec 12 at 1419 via GUIANA FRENCH, RFI Spanish service is not music-filled, instead promoting its near-worldwide availability on various iphone apps. 17620 French service direct en musique. But at 1504, 17620 has news in French. Of course the non-struck French service already plays musique part of the time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RFI STRIKE AGAINST MERGER WITH FRANCE 24 CONTINUES

Employees of Radio France International (RFI) are continuing their strike to oppose a merger with the TV news channel France 24 within l1Audiovisuel ExtÉrieur de la France (AEF), and are now appealing directly to the government. AEF, which includes RFI, France 24 and international French-language channel TV5Monde, has been under a barrage of criticism since its creation, with no less than three parliamentary reports and an audit of the General Inspectorate of Finances.

The unions have written a letter to the prime minister, pointing out that a number of experts have described such a merger as Érisky1, and employees of RFI have also written to their colleagues in France 24 to discuss a joint campaign, saying: ithe time has come to unite our strengths to fight against projects that undermine our skills, our working conditions and our business1.

They have also issued a ten-point description of what they call the scandal of the AEF,1 alleging imismanagement1 already criticized by unions and some lawmakers; the salary of CEO Alain de Pouzilnac (1twice that of the President of the Republic1) to ithe dance of directors in France 24 and RFI1 which cost 10 million euros including 5.1 million from ithe lawsuits1 by Christine Ockrent. The former Head of AEF threw in the towel after months of open warfare against its CEO.

Staff also stressed that the departure of 206 employees of RFI has cost the state 41.3 million euros and that the next cut of 126 employees will permanently weaken RFI, which will no longer be able to deliver relevant information. It will cost the government 27.5 million euros. They also suggest that the move of RFI to a new location close to France 24 may cost more than the estimated 24.5 million euros.

The merger of the three companies in AEF was recently approved by the Boards of Directors of France 24, RFI and TV5-Monde. It should theoretically take effect in mid-January. (Source: AFP) (December 12th, 2011 - 17:58 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

Workers at RFI on Monday decided "to suspend and not to stop the strike" begun on November 28, according to a statement posted at RFI Riposte.

"Other actions are being put in place. The mobilization of workers against the merger of RFI and France 24 is intact," the statement said. Monday morning, union officials delivered a letter to the office of Prime Minister Francois Fillon asking that he block the merger. "Today, the ball is in the court of the Prime Minister," unions said.

A French-language AFP story about RFI on Monday said that, even though its worldwide audience has declined from 44 million in 2004 to 35.6 million in 2008, it is popular in France with 26 million listeners.

The AFP story added that as much as 80 percent of RFI's programming has been replaced by music during the strike (Mike Cooper, GA, Dec 12, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RFI strike situation check Dec 13:

9765, Dec 13 at 0635, fair with news in English
17690, Dec 13 at 1417 via GUIANA FRENCH, Spanish with history of French space programme; also some ``generator hum``
17620, Dec 13 at 1419, French talk, not musique

See also Media Network story:

<http://blogs.rnw.nl/medianetwork/rfi-strike-against-merger-with-france-24-continues>

7220, Dec 14 at 0601, English news about Liège.
5925, Dec 14 at 0618, RFI French news, much stronger than // 7390.
17690 via GUIANA FRENCH, Dec 14 at 1401, RFI Spanish news; 17620 and 15300 with French news. So no RFI Musique fill heard at any of these chex, but that does not necessarily mean the strike is over (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

★★ GERMANY [Re 11-49:]. Domenica 4 dicembre 2011: Tra le 1000 e le

1100 intermodulazioni di Wertachtal su 5865 e 6135 kHz, fra Radio Nederland (5955), The Mighty KBC (6095) e XVRB (6045). La situazione, comunque, rispetto alla domenica precedente È migliorata perchÈ, ad esempio, i 'segnali' sopra i 6200 sono scomparsi.

LunedÌ 5 dicembre 2011: Sempre tra le 1000 e le 1100 ho controllato se c'erano problemi fra le 3 frequenze di R. Nederland attive dal lunedì al venerdì su 5955, 6035 e 6120 kHz che, a parte 6035 da Issoudun, operano ugualmente da Wertachtal e le spurie sono assenti. Dunque l'intermodulazione È quasi sicuramente derivante dall'accensione di 6095, non da 6045 osservata solo ieri e con una spuria molto bassa (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. EMR - Radio Saxonia - Atlantic 2000 this Weekend
Dear Listeners, MV Baltic Radio relay service is on the air this
Sunday the 18th of December 2011

MVBR Schedule:

0800 to 0900 UT	on	9480 KHz	-	Atlantic 2000 International
0900 to 1000 UT	on	9480 KHz	-	Radio Saxonia
1000 to 1100 UT	on	6140 KHz	-	EMR
1000 to 1100 UT	on	9480 KHz	-	EMR
1300 to 1400 UT	on	9480 KHz	-	Radio Saxonia (Repeat from 0900)

Due to Technical reasons the last transmission from MVBR on 6140 KHz will be on the 25th of December 2011. MVBR on 9480 KHz will continue in 2012 as normal. Good Listening 73s (Tom [Taylor], Dec 13 via Joe Talbot, AB, DXLD)

** GERMANY. 15285, 13/12 1244, Athmeeya Yatra, Clandestine via Germany, Asian language, talks, some musics, IDs, Fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, Excalibur Pro; ANT: T2FD di 15 metri; QTH: Milano città, My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EiBi reminds us this is a Gospel for Asia service, unknown language, so presumably not clandestine:
15285 1230-1500 IND Athmeeyayathra (GFA) SAs /D-n

Aoki has the full extremely convoluted language schedule, depending on which quarter-hour and which day of week. Wednesday at 1230-1245 Kashmiri, 1245-1300 Punjabi (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREENLAND. Re 11-49: >>>Angmagssalik is the spelling I am familiar with, confirmed in an atlas circa 1980. Which is closer to the real pronunciation; or is it Danish vs Greenlandic?

Yes, it is the Danish way. In Greenlandic they say Ammassalik. 73,
(Erik Koie, Copenhagen, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, Dec 10 at 0526, R. Verdad with some Bach performed
by voice with chorus instead of Klavier, nice S9+12 signal (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUIANA FRENCH. [Re DRM test on 17495 to Brazil]: Checked Dec 8th,
but heard only adjacent CRI Kashi 17490 kHz powerhouse till 1257 UT on
northern hemisphere, also on US northeast coast. Due to AM mode
modulation rest signal on the lower flank, no chance to get a proper
DRM signal decoded (Wolfgang B, schel, Dec 3, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 9
via DXLD)

DRM da TDF em 17495 kHz --- Vejam a minha recepção com o SDRZero,
algumas das imagens multimidia e log:
<http://www.qsl.net/py4zbz/hamdream/DRMtdf.htm>
73 de (Roland PY4ZBZ, 8 December, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

100,00 % de audio estereo decodificado durante 31 mn em 21495 kHz !
Vejam aqui:
<http://www.qsl.net/py4zbz/hamdream/DRMtdf.htm>
73 de (Roland, 12 Dec, ibid.).

21495, FRENCH GUIANA, TDF DRM test heard at 1729 UT on 12 December
2011 with banging sigs at 20 db SNR and gone suddenly at 1736, with
possible antenna switch or tx off. Briefly re-appeared at only 8dB SNR
and then gone altogether. Requesting reports to
[engenharia\(dot\)radio\(at\)ebc\(dot\)com\(dot\)br](mailto:engenharia(dot)radio(at)ebc(dot)com(dot)br) and
[engenharia\(at\)ebc\(dot\)com\(dot\)br](mailto:engenharia(at)ebc(dot)com(dot)br) via the infor bar scroll (Al Muick,
Whitehall, Pennsylvania, USA, WinRadio G303e, Wellbrook ALA1530P
active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also FRANCE [and non] non DRM

** GUYANA. 3290, Voice of Guyana still in at 1030 with audio, unusual
for this time 7 December. Pop music 0930 4 December (Bob Wilkner,
Drake R8 -746Pro Modified - NRD 535D, Pompano Beach, South Florida,
US, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

3290, Voice of Guyana, 2231-0300+ Dec 11, noted early but heard all
evening with music programming and man announcer with English talk,
IDs, announcements, etc. Fair to good signal (Rich D'Angelo, French
Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an
Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot
wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1,
NASWA yg via DXLD)

** HAWAII [non]. PEARL HARBOUR AND AMATEUR RADIO
Southgate December 7, 2011

Wednesday saw the 70th anniversary of the Pearl Harbour attack, and some press stories commemorating the event mention the use of amateur radio in the months leading up to the attack. An article written by Michael Evans for The Times newspaper and available from The Australian newspaper website says:

There is strong evidence that the naval attaché's office in Washington operates a short-wave sending and receiving set disguised as an 'amateur station' and that it is linked to the numerous ham stations known to be operated by Japanese on the West Coast and in Hawaii,

Read The Australian article Pearl Harbor attack warnings 'were ignored'

<http://www.theaustralian.com.au/news/world/pearl-harbour-attack-warnings-were-ignored/story-e6frg6so-1226216080478>

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/december2011/pearl_harbor_and_amateur_radio.htm
(via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

** HONDURAS. 3250, Radio Luz y Vida, San Luis, 0030 religious music, good signal 5 December (Bob Wilkner, Drake R8 -746Pro Modified - NRD 535D, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, Cumbre DX via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

3250, Radio Luz y Vida, 0336-0402* Dec 12, English language religious program. It has been a while since I last heard them seemingly gone around 0402. Weak but clear (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

** INDIA. Hi Everyone, From this am, 4775 kHz, AIR Imphal, Recording of Vande Mataram then YL with ID, and announcements after this. I've put in the news in English (Sports). I must confess to some confusion as to the timing of this recording. My recorder is set to come on at 1158 and the station is already on. It then goes off and there is a considerable break. It comes back on with the typical AIR sign on and as recorded. I have not timed how long it is on initially or how long the break is for but the tape is half way through when it does come on. (The tape records 45 mins and the machine is on quarter speed) so it could be their sign on at 0225? But this is listed to be on 7335 kHz. Any suggestions (I will check the recorder also but this has happened recently on separate occasions)

<http://www.box.com/s/tp0zrdojnkd13o4grnt4>

(Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, Dec 12, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AIR Imphal transmits
on 4775 kHz at 0025-0215 and 1030-1700 UT
on 7335 kHz at 0225-0400 and 0645-1000 UT

This typical "Vandemataram" - the National Song of India [Note: "Janaganamana" is National Anthem] is played once in a day - only in morning start up - so it's 0025 UT recording, and at 0030 all stations carry two news from Delhi, English and Hindi respectively, each for five minutes.

But sorry I can't identify the ID clearly but is surely almost Imphal as per the language of announcement. Imphal most of the time broadcasts in local languages and don't use English / Hindi ID much (rare). - Thanks & Regards, (Partha Sarathi Goswami, Siliguri, Dist. Darjeeling, West Bengal, INDIA, ibid.)

I can hear AIR Imphal ID, most probably in "Manipuri" language.
Regards (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, ibid.)

** INDIA. 4920, AIR, Chennai. 0006 December 7, 2011. 1000 cycle tone at tune-in, Interval signal from 0013:13, Vande Mataram 0015:04-0016:06, Hindi female opening announcements. Clear, fair (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4970, AIR Shillong, N/E Regional Station --- Hi Everyone, Been trying to get this at any sort of strength for a long time. Its usually "there" but very weak. 10 Dec 2011: 4970, AIR Shillong from sign on at 0025 UT. On recording, Vande Mataram then YL announcements and English ID at 1.00 minute, "Good morning to you this is ----- All India Radio broadcasting from Shillong". If anyone can help with the gap in the ID it would be appreciated (or if I've got it wrong!) This is what I heard:

<http://www.box.com/s/66esuoxxhg6337jodevtt>
(Mark Davies, Anglesey, Wales, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This may help...
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uV-5pEdZDEQ>
73s (Tony, UK, ibid.)

On the YT it sounds like she says 4960 kHz (gh, DXLD)

4970, AIR Shillong, 1315, Dec 12. In English with the end of the iHit Parade Monday music show; iThis is the North Eastern Service of All India Radio broadcasting from Shillong on shortwave 60.36 meters, corresponding to 4,970 kHz. and an additional FM 100.1 MHz.i; iYouth

Programî panel discussion about human trafficking; local ID and local time (7:05); program iTalk in Englishî with topic ihuman rights and their underlying principalsî; sports bulletin in English; MP3 audio of local IDs

<http://www.box.com/s/fzd6739osskzm5yq8ejk>

(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 4990, AIR Itanagar, randomly from 1332 to 1433*, Dec 14. News in vernacular till 1336; into subcontinent music; 1415 local news in Hindi followed by local news in English; Itanagar weather forecast (rain) and max-min temperatures; followed by talk in English; poor with persistent heavy CW QRM. Dec 13 till 1431* (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 5010, AIR, Thiruvananthapuram, 0007 December 7, 2011. 0007:59 carrier up, 1000 cycle tone in progress 0017 recheck, interval signal 0018:43. Still decent signal 0045 with Indi-flutes and vocals (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 5050, AIR Aizawl, 1300, Dec 12. Two nice local IDs for iAll India Radio Aizawlî; one just before the BBR time pips and the other just after; into news in probably Hindi (certainly not English). As the IDs were local perhaps the news might also have been local? Mixing with Beibu Bay Radio (BBR) (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 6165, Dec 12 1355, what a pleasure to hear something besides Chinese all over the 49m band! Instead, S Asian songs, 1400 timesignal (maybe from QRM), brief announcement in unknown language, and change to other music. Aoki shows this is the AIR Sindhi service from Delhi/Khampur site. BTW, 6165 is really crammed full of overlapping usages, such as Vietnam VOV4, and China CNR6, both supposedly also on before and after 1400, not to mention Chad and Zambia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Chennai, 7270 kHz, 7 Dec, fair with Indian music 0040, "All India Radio" ID and talk 0044 (listed as Tamil). Brief music bridge, then switched to another language (listed as Sinhala) 0045 (Bruce Portzer, Seattle, WA, WInradio Excalibur, K9AY Antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 9620, Dec 10 at 1321, open carrier with some hum, flutter, no modulation. HFCC shows nothing at all on 9620 between 0900 and 1430; but Aoki, where AIR gets listed whether it wants to or not, has the answer: 1230-1500 in Sindhi, 250 kW, 245 degrees from Aligarh. AIR is quite capable of broadcasting nothing, and this is no doubt another

instance (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. All India Radio on 15020 kHz --- with English language program from 1000 to 1100 UT. Audible this morning with O=3. But from which transmitter site? AOKI lists Aligarh, EiBi has Panaji, and HFCC has nothing at all. 73, (Günter Lorenz, Freising, Germany, RX: Perseus ANT: ALA1530+SSB, Dec 10, HCDX via DXLD)

Hi Günter, re 15020 kHz, DXindia shows Aligarh site. AIR is NOT a member of HFCC (any more?). No attendee of AIR India took part on US Dallas B-11 HFCC conference in September. In case of AIR frequency interference collisions in 22 and 41mb, AIR bureaucrats were NOT willing to answer protests from other HFCC members in past seasons. 73 wolffy (Wolfgang B. schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

All India Radio, General Overseas Service in English on 15020 at 1000-1100 is via Panaji 250 kW.

The B-11 AIR schedule frequency wise is available in:

<http://www.qsl.net/v/vu2jos//sw/freq.htm>

(Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, India, ibid.) see also ANDAMAN; KASHMIR;

** INDONESIA [and non]. 9526, Voice of Indonesia presumed the one at 1427 in listed Indonesian with a woman with talk then brief gamelan music and a man with talk at 1428 then more music and back to the woman at 1430 - Weak with het 12/8. They must be using the other transmitter as this is the first time I have noticed them at this hour here in quite a while (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

9526-, Dec 9 at 1344, VOI has switched to their other transmitter after many months on 9525-, but the signal is no better, JBA carrier in fact, tipped by tell-tale het of only 4 kHz against the loud Chinese radio war on 9530 vs the inaudible VOI English hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526, Voice of Indonesia 1418 Indonesian. iVoice of Indonesiaî ID, talk and music bridges. Back on this frequency from 9525. At 1458 CRI was on 9525 in English causing a big het that destroyed VOI. Poor. Dec 10 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening from my car with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 antenna on the car roof, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, Dec 10 at 1506, big het between equally poor signals, 9525 being CRI English, and 9526- surely VOI, as recently shifted here from 9525-; what little undermodulated audio I can make out from the upper doesn't seem English, but tonal, maybe Chinese. Months ago, VOI would sometimes leave transmitter on past 1500 and start repeating the 1300 English, only to cut it off at odd times long before the end of the

hour.

Yes, Ishida agrees, <http://rri.jpn.org/> that on Dec 10 they started Chinese at 1457; and the first day of 9526 ex-9525 was Dec 5. Other dates when on past 1500 it was also in Chinese. The next English is circa 1900, one day in French instead (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, Dec 11 at 1415 can detect VOI carrier still here, not 9525-, very little modulation but seems Indonesian (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.94, 11/12 1908, Voice of Indonesia, English program, news, low modulation, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, Excalibur Pro; ANT: T2FD di 15 metri; QTH: Milano citt , My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9526-, Dec 12 before 1400, nothing but the VOI carrier detectable aside huge China radiowar on 9530; at 1453 in the clear with piano music, 1456 Indonesian ID mentioning English word ``dignity``, IADs in more piano music. But *1457.5 CRI 9525 carrier came on making het, while VOI remained atop! Until VOI cut off at 1458*. Yet, I could still hear a weak het, so maybe VOI had just switched to another antenna. By 1545 I could make out some weak Chinese on 9526 so VOI was still/again on the air, bettering CRI 9525 Kashgar, EAST TURKISTAN in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525.971, Voice of Indonesia Cimanggis in German, flute music at 1853 UT Dec 13, ID and closing announcement by female in German at 1857 UT, given addresses to contact the station at Jakarta. Followed with ID by male in English language at 1858 UT, never traced that before: English news started two minutes before the hour! (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 13, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** INTERNATIONAL. A POST COLD-WAR REQUIEM FOR SHORTWAVE BROADCASTING**

Dears friends, this one has been inspired by an occasional find: <http://www.dxcoffee.com/ix1ckn/2011/12/a-post-cold-war-requiem-for-shortwaves/> Please, comment and share! Ciao, (Chris Diemoz, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. World of Radio on the QSO stream --- IF all works well as it is supposed to, World of radio should air at 00:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30, 12:30, 15:30, 18:30, 22:30 7 days a week Central on the stream. It will follow Amateur Radio Newsline respectively. QSO will run the rest of the time and we will be adding more programming in as we go. Still experimenting but hope to have a full blown 24/7 streaming station for amateurs and shortwave listeners. This will give**

you some exposure to the ham community that is yet to discover World Of Radio. Hope we can have some fun with this. Stream links are at <http://www.tedrandall.com>

(Ted Randall, TN, Dec 13, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Since all the others are 3 hours apart, assume 22:30 was meant to be 21:30 Central. So the UTs during standard time are: 0030, 0330, 0630, 0930, 1230, 1530, 1830, 2130 (Glenn Hauser, *ibid.*)

**** INTERNATIONAL VACUUM. 1963 ARTHUR C CLARKE INTERVIEW**
December 8, 2011

In a 1963 edition of "The Sky at Night" BBC TV show, Arthur C. Clarke, who in 1945 predicted geostationary satellites, is interviewed by Patrick Moore.

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/december2011/arthur_c_clarke_interview.htm?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+AmateurRadioNews+%28Southgate+Amateur+Radio+News%29

Fascinating predictions from both of them, many of which came into fruition.

I should add that many of the early "Sky at Night" BBC TV programmes were destroyed or lost from the BBC library. Recently this early and very rare programme from 1963 with Arthur C Clarke, was discovered in an African TV station. Patrick and Arthur were both members of the British Interplanetary Society and here they discuss bases on the Moon and Mars. Arthur C Clarke made very few interviews, so this really is a broadcasting gem - once lost, but now found.

Another link here:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00m72mf>
(Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

**** IRAN. Frequency change of VOIROI/IRIB in Hausa:**
1830-1927 NF 15420 KAM 500 kW / 259 deg, ex 11965 // 13730
(DX Mix News 13 Dec via DXLD)

**** IRAN [non]. 13635, Dec 9 at 1420, great S/SW Asian pop music, from R. Farda, ID at 1425, fair signal until 1429* was 250 kW, 105 degrees via Wertachtal, GERMANY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)**

**** IRELAND [non]. 5820, SOUTH AFRICA, RT... Radio Worldwide via Meyerton, 2012-2031* Dec 12, could make out tail end of features program in English but hard to distinguish words although seemingly getting slightly better each minute. Closed with instrumental music**

followed by World Radio Network ID at 2029, news headline followed by UN Radio program before carrier was terminated. Weak (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

** ISRAEL. 9235.000, Galei Zahal broadcast at 0815 UT Dec 3, with disturbed live recording of huge background noise and like Spanish Sefardi language live festivity transmission (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 9 via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

9235, 1845-1900 fade out 10.12, Galeh Tzahal, Lod, Tel Aviv. Hebrew dialogue about Jerusalem with laughter, song by men's choir, 45233.

7635.00, 1955-2005 14.12, Galeh Tzahal, Lod, Tel Aviv, Hebrew ann, pop music, news; new frequency ex 9235, 25332. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

Maybe this is old news, but on 14 Dec at 1840 noted Galei Tzahal on 7635 instead of 9235 (Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. Hi, I'm accidentally stumbled upon on your site and I've noticed this your message from your daily digest:

``Is this IBF really from the same site as the original in Torino, or has R. Maria just put on a transmitter for it somewhere else? And is this a legal operation (or is that question inapplicable in Italy)? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1591, DXLD)``

I don't know if you could be interested, but anyway. I can't tell you from where this emission has been transmitted, but surely not from Turin, or at least not where historically was transmitted: the old site of the National Institute of electrical engineering (that doesn't exist anymore), which was situated on the outskirts of the city, is now abandoned. Where there should be the antennas, now there is a public park. However, this hill area of the city is full of antennas (both privately and publicly owned) for radio/tv broadcasting purposes, so if these signals come from the city, could be from anywhere.

If this is legal? Who knows, community radio stations (like Radio Maria) can do a lot of things without problems. Is the only radio stations who is receivable anywhere in Italy, even with a entry phone. Best regards (elsaxo, Italy, Dec 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Venerdì 9 dicembre 2011, 1505 & 1506 - 5000 kHz, IBF - Torino-Torre Bert (Italia), IDs multilingue. Segnale sufficiente-insufficiente. E' già la seconda volta che nel mio QTH riesco a sentire solo gli annunci e non i segnali di tempo, ma bisogna tenere presente che per questa stazione da me non si muovono nemmeno gli S-meters dei ricevitori (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

Rapporti di ascolto a IBF e conferme: Ciao, al momento a IBF sono arrivati 138 rapporti di ascolto. Ne sono stati confermati 121, tutti quelli spediti a novembre e qualcuno spedito a dicembre. Con calma saranno confermati tutti. Un povero QSL manager, Giampiero Bernardini

ricordo la mail per i rapporti: qsl(-at-)radiomaria.org
(Giampiero Bernardini, Dec 12, Milano, playdx yg via DXLD)

New message format from IBF --- IBF on 5000 kHz has now a modified transmission format. It sends "IBF IBF IBF 1700" in A2A morse code, followed by voice message. Audio tone for A2A is about 470 Hz.
73 (Costas SV1XV, Athens, Greece, Dec 13, UDXF yg via DXLD)

5000, Time Signal Station IBF, Torino, 0605-0630, 13-12, time signals, taped male announcements in Italian, French and English: "IBF, IBF, IBF, segnali di tempo e frequenza campioni del Istituto Electtrotecnico Nazionale, Torino". Interference from WWV, Fort Collins. 23322. Also 0620-0628, 14.12, with SINPO 13321 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Spain, Sony ICF SW 7600G, wire antenna, 5 meters, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So are the time signals accurate? How often is the time announced?
(gh, DXLD)

** ITALY. Challenger 1368? Challenger Radio Norditalia on 1368 kHz is silent already for some time now, maybe our Italian friends know more? I think I heard a weak, distorted signal on 1566 kHz a couple of days ago. 73 (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, Dec 10, RealDX yg via DXLD)

Hi Karel, as far I know Radio Challenger as well as Radio Medjugorje Italia (they share the antenna must) are off the air due a controversial with the Telecommunications Authority for the frequencies registration. What you heard on 1566 could be Radio Kolbe from Vicenza province, that's a different radio station and owner (Alessandro Groppazzi, Trieste, Italy, ibid.)

Alessandro, thank you very much for this interesting and also surprising information! 73, (Karel Honzik, CZE, ibid.)

Karel, never be surprised when we're talking about Italy, its laws and regulations (Alessandro Groppazzi, ibid.)

So much for IRRS using these MW stations? (gh, DXLD)

** ITALY. 7165-LSB, Dec 14 at 0555, bigsig from ham speaking English in very strange accent I could not place. Mentioned KL7 so thought maybe Inuit, but that must have been a contact; finally ID as I2VRN.

QRZ.com shows:

ROBERTO VERANI

VIA PAGLIARI BIVIO 6

I-26049 STAGNO LOMBARDO, CREMONA

Italy

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [and non]. 17605, UT Sat Dec 10 at 2317, NHK's Sunday-morning classical-music-appreciation show with bits of Chopin, Japanese commentary, southward via Bonaire, and also audible on weaker // 11665 off the back (55 degrees) from Yamata aimed 235 degrees toward Asia. But that's not all:

17810, during the very same hour, UT Saturday Dec 10, the NHK Indonesian service is also presenting western classical music, at 2319 a coloratura, announcement mentions Tokyo Metropolitan Symphony; 2321 'The Swan' and more classical music bits. 17810 is also Yamata, 240 degrees at 2310-2340 in Indonesian, plus a third of an hour in Chinese, so 60 degrees is directly off the back from that (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 6055, Dec 12 at 1403, Jappop (or should I say J-pop [Nip-pop?]), with EltonJohnish heavy beat, sounds like Japanese syllables pronounced with gaijin accent, impure vowels. Bring back Isao Tomita on R. Nikkei! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JORDAN. 15290, 1215-1231* 14.12, R Jordan, Al Karanah. Arabic political comments about Mediterranean, fanfare and romantic songs, promo, ID: "Huna Amman, Idha'atu-I-mamlaka al-urduniyya al-hashimiyya", 1230 talk with abrupt cut off at 1231:10* 55444. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on my AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** KASHMIR [non]. 4870.02, 0235-0250, CLANDESTINE, 09.12, R Voice of Kashmir, via Kingsway, India, Kashmiri talk and songs, 33433, CODAR QRM (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire which survived another storm today, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD) So is it Kingsway site, or Khampur? ---

Venerdì 9 dicembre 2011, 1515 - 4870 kHz, RADIO SEDAYE KASHMIR - Delhi-Khampur (India), News OM/YL. Segnale sufficiente. In un'occasione il trasmettitore si È spento e riacceso. Problemi di corrente elettrica o tecnici.

Era tanto tempo che non provavo le tropicali al pomeriggio, ma vi assicuro che - se non sono capitato con la propagazione sbagliata - quasi tutti I segnali erano al limite dell'udibilità , anche con le stazioni cinesi e indiane che abitualmente erano quelle che di segnale almeno arrivavano a metà scala. Escludo problemi con la loop da finestra perché È l'unica antenna che mi ha permesso alcuni anni fa di sentire Radio Verdad dal Guatemala, È più facile che i trasmettitori stiano piano piano esaurendosi e non È impossibile ritenere che una volta dipartiti non li sostituiranno più, continuando in MW, FM o Internet (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH KOREA. 6400, Pyongyang Broadcasting Station received on Dec. 10, 2011 at 2214 UT. Woman speaking in "angry Korean". Strong signal with a curious echo effect, possibly caused by multipath propagation (although it actually sounded more like a second voice track). Recording available at <http://youtu.be/oQGjH955s4M> (Tudor Vedeanu, Gura Humorului, Romania, EtŪn E1XM, 100m longwire antenna with Wellbrook UMB balun, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 9335, Voice of Korea KCBS, heard at 1235 UT on December 12 2011. Very irate sounding woman (or higher pitched man) ranting away in [angry] Korean. Almost laughable. Also played glorious march music for the enjoyment of the listening audience. SINPO 45433. This is supposedly aimed at Latin America, which begs the question of how many people in Latin America actually speak Korean and listen to this? For a nation that is so broke, they sure expend a lot of money sending their propaganda to an area where the language is probably not understood (Al Muick, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, USA, WinRadio G303e, Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9335, Dec 13 at 1359 open carrier from VOK, except the sound of N. Korean jamming is clearly heard, mixture at same Kujang transmitter site. That's noise with an oscillating/pulsing sound added. 1400 VOK IS, French sign-on, anthem, with jamming still audible underneath (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. WEBSITE OFFERS RARE GLIMPSE OF NORTH KOREAN TV

From his office in Seoul, former North Korean soldier Lim Young-Sun runs a website offering a rare glimpse of state television in the North to show what the country he fled two decades ago is really like. Lim's Unification Broadcasting (SPTV) streams Korean Central

Television, a risky business in Seoul where disseminating North Korean propaganda could see him fall foul of South Korea's tough National Security Law.

While the site (sptv.co.kr), the only one of its kind in the South, so far has an audience just in the thousands, Lim has a dream of attracting millions of viewers curious about life on the other side of the last Cold War frontier. He started live streaming three years ago mainly to let people here witness what North Korea is really like, he said, 47, told AFP.

North Korean television is relayed by satellite to most of Asia, the Middle East and Africa. But its terrestrial signal south of the tense border is jammed by Seoul. While some South Koreans have been arrested for posting North Korean news, SPTV appears to be tolerated, though under close surveillance by the security authorities. It is not like we've been approved by the government, but they simply turn a blind eye to us in order to create a favourable atmosphere for unification, he said.

South Korean government officials admit the authorities appear to be tolerating Lim's business. It is a matter of judgement by security authorities, but SPTV is alive so far, he said a spokesman at the unification ministry which handles cross-border affairs.

Lim, a former North Korean army first lieutenant, said he fled to China after being involved in anti-government activities in the North and arrived in South Korea in 1993. When the two Koreas are unified, the South will have to embrace the North and to do that, people here must be familiar with the culture and lifestyle of North Koreans, he said.

SPTV streams North Korean television for seven hours a day from 0800 UTC and edited footage is also posted online the next day. The content is largely propaganda eulogising North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il or extolling his leadership and reports of military affairs in the secretive communist state. News and other programmes are heavy with detailed accounts of Kim's field trips to various factories, farms and military units, stinging commentary attacking Seoul and Washington, or praising the virtue of hard work and blind allegiance and patriotism.

Though little publicised, daily viewership of SPTV's live streaming service and other content on its website can reach up to 15,000, sometimes jamming its relatively small-capacity server, Lim said. The audience for SPTV seems to be mainly defectors and researchers on North Korean studies, and sometimes South Korean college students.

At first, the government was worried that some South Korean

supporters of the Kim Jong-Il regime would abuse my service, but ironically, many of them become anti-Kim after watching," Lim said. "They said the scenes of North Korean residents so frantically worshipping Kim seemed ridiculous, to the point it became impossible to agree with the ideology."

Lim relies on small monthly donations of between 1,000 and 10,000 won (90 cents to \$9) from a few hundred supporters to help fund his shoestring operation. "Now, I only have individual sponsors, so I fund the service with the money I earn by lecturing and running my clothing firm," Lim said. He said he was busy and tired but vowed to continue his service until the peninsula split at the end of World War II is re-unified. "I'll try harder to increase the number of receivers to four million and to provide more interesting and meaningful content."

The SPTV website has drawn a mixed response. "How can this site relay broadcasting by commies so dauntlessly? I will report to security authorities," one visitor nicknamed "Viewer1" said in a comment posted on the website. "I don't agree with the philosophy of your company, but I'm visiting here just because I'm interested in North Korea's broadcasts," another visitor going by the name "Clean Dong" wrote.

(Source: AFP)(December 11th, 2011 - 13:21 UT by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 6135, Dec 9 at 1332, ``Shiokaze, Sea Breeze from Tokyo, Japan`` then ``News Flash`` brief items about NK with same stinger every few seconds. They need to tighten up and diversify their production. From Hiroshi's latest compilation of clandestines to N Korea, via S. Hasegawa: JSR Shiokaze complicated language rotation:

Full hour 1330-1430: English on Friday, Japanese on Monday-Thursday. 1330-1400 Japanese on Sunday, Korean on Saturday. 1400-1430: Korean on Sunday, Japanese on Saturday.

The other broadcast which we never hear in North America, 5910 at 2000-2100 has exactly the same pattern, e.g. English on UT Fridays, i.e. on the following morning local time (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. Frequency change of CMI Voice of Wilderness in Korean:
1300-1330 9935 DB 100 kW / 070 deg to KRE Mon-Sat, ex 9940, re-ex 6275
1300-1430 9935 DB 100 kW / 070 deg to KRE Sunday, ex 9940, re-ex 6275
(DX Mix News 13 Dec via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 9380, CLANDESTINE (North Korea), Radio Free North Korea via Tashkent (presumed), *1200-1224 Dec 13, man and woman

with Korean talks. Poor to fair with some fluttery conditions (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD) Sked below says Almaty

** KOREA NORTH [non]. BROADCAST TO THE NORTH KOREA
Current schedule on Dec. 9

Furusato no Kaze

1330-1357 9950(Japanese) via TWN
1430-1500 9950(Japanese) via PLW
1600-1630 9780(Japanese) via TWN
Nippon no Kaze-Ilbon-e Baram
1300-1330 9950(Korean) via TWN
1500-1530 9975(Korean) via PLW
1530-1556 9965(Korean) via PLW

JSR Shiokaze

1330-1400 6135 1..... Japanese
1330-1400 61357 Korean
1330-1430 6135 .2345.. Japanese
1330-1430 61356. English
1400-1430 6135 1..... Korean
1400-1430 61357 Japanese

2000-2030 5910 1..... Japanese
2000-2030 59107 Korean
2000-2100 5910 .2345.. Japanese
2000-2100 59106. English
2030-2100 5910 1..... Korean
2030-2100 59107 Japanese
(1=Su-7=Sa)

ORNK Open Radio for North Korea

1400-1500 7560 Korean via A-A
1500-1600 7475 Korean via A-A
1900-1955 774 / 92.3 Korean via MBC-Chuncheon
2100-2200 7480 Korean

FNK Radio Free North Korea

1200-1400 11510 Korean via A-A
1200-1400 9380 Korean via A-A Dec. 5 only

RFC Radio Free Chosun

1200-1300 11560 Korean via DB
1300-1400 11560 Korean via DB
2000-2100 7505 Korean via DB

CMI Voice of Wilderness

1300-1330 9940 Korean via DB Dec. 5-
1330-1430 Su. 9940 Korean via DB
1900-1930 M.W. 1566 Korean via HLAZ
2000-2100 Sa. 1566 Korean via HLAZ

NKRR North Korea Reform Radio

1500-1600 7590 via TAC
1600-1700 7590 via TAC

VOM Voice of Martyrs

1600-1700 7485 via TAC

MND Radio via Chuncheon

0500-0540 6230
0600-0635 6550 New from Dec. 8
0700-0740 6135
1000-1040 6135
1200-1240 6230

de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, dxldyg via DXLD)

MNDRadio on 6550 kHz addition from 1100 UT

I can receive 6550 kHz from 1100 UT on Dec. 9 in Korean.

(S. Hasegawa 1125 UT Dec 9, ibid.)

** KOREA SOUTH. 6550, Dec 9 at 0638, no signal from unID Korean as heard 24.5 hours earlier. But Sei-ichi Hasagawa replies to our previous report:

``Dear Glenn, It seems to be MND Radio, new version program by female. 6135 and 6230 kHz is a program by male. The station name announcement as ever neither. MND Radio on 6550 kHz in addition from 1100 UT December 9; I can receive 6550 from 1100 in Korean`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) MND = Ministry of National Defense, S Korea

After analyzing a record of the SDR, the MND Radio female version was able to receive even 6435 other than 6550.

Korean MND Radio

0500-0540 6230 via Chuncheon Male version
0600-0635 6550, 6435 New from Dec. 8 Female version
0700-0740 6135 via Chuncheon Male version
1000-1040 6135 via Chuncheon Male version
1100-1135 6550, 6435 New from Dec. 8 Female version
1200-1240 6230 via Chuncheon Male version
de Hiroshi (S. Hasegawa, Dec 10, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 7540 12/Dec 1756 UKRAINE, Denge Mezopotamya, (PRESUMED) in Kurdish. Arabic music. Time off at 2000. 35433 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14YS 38 58W, Brasil, Dipole antenna for 16 meters, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11530, Dec 13 at 1410, fair signal from V. of Mesopotamia with Kurdish music via UKRAINE; by 1458 it had faded to JBA. Media Network had a story on the PKK Dec 8; we always have to point out that VOM is brought to us by the same 'terrorists' who run Roj TV (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

DANISH PROSECUTORS SAY ROJ TV SHOULD BE BANNED

Copenhagen prosecutors overseeing an investigation into Kurdish-language television station Roj TV have said the TV station is the voice of the terrorist Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) and have requested a Danish court to ban the channel from broadcasting.

Prosecutors Anders Risager and Jakob Buch-Jepsen announced their final opinion during the 28th hearing of the trial on Wednesday. They submitted evidence of orders from PKK executives to Roj TV and photographs of Roj TV employees taken in the PKK's bases in the Kandil Mountains in northern Iraq. Buch-Jepsen said during the hearing that the evidence they put forward clearly proves that Roj TV is completely under the control of the PKK, both administratively and economically.

The PKK is considered a terrorist group by Turkey, the US and the European Union. Its members are fighting for autonomy in Turkey's southeast, a conflict that has killed tens of thousands of people since 1984. Roj TV has a Danish broadcasting license, but has no studios in Denmark.

Read more from Today's Zaman

<http://www.todayszaman.com/news-265129-danish-prosecutors-say-roj-tv-voice-of-pkk-should-be-banned.html>

(December 8th, 2011 - 11:54 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN. 3930.28 drifting to 3929.98, 0245-0307, R Voice of Kurdistan, via Sulaimaniya, Iraq, Kurdish songs, 0259 Kurdistan Martial March, 0302 Kurdish ID: "Era Radyo dengi Kurdistan", CWQRM 43433, 0302 Farsi ID, ann and music, *0306 start of jamming from Iran (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire which survived another storm today, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD) Date? Other logs in same report from Dec 5 to 9

** KURDISTAN. 4875.00, *0226-0235, CLANDESTINE, 09.12, Voice of Iranian Kurdistan, via Salah al-Din, Iraq, Interval signal, 0230:50 Kurdish ID, Kurdistan Martial March (as 3930), ID: "Era dengi Kurdistanî Irana", frequency ann, 0235 Muslim Call to Prayer, 33433, CODAR QRM (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire which survived another storm today, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4010, 0215-0225 09.12, Kyrgyz R 1, Krasnaya Rechka, Bishkek. Kyrgyz report on English statements, 45444 // 4795 (34443) (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire which survived another storm today, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** LESOTHO. Family Radio relay, 1197 Maseru. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1813-1815. Oh dear, not there tonight; not even a carrier. That is really unusual. But there ok on Dec 12, Monday. 1838-1841. Preacher preaching. Poor. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

Radio Lesotho, 639 Maseru. Dec 12, 2011, Monday. 1814-1816. SeSotho, with afro music. Very poor, just above noise level. Jo'burg sunset 1654 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. 11600, 1720-1745 08.12, R TÈlÈvision Libye, Sabrata, French talk about the bombardments of Benghazi before the NATO intervention, talk about the Arab League, ID: "Ici Radio TÈlÈvision Libye, Tripoli - La Voix de la Revolution", Vienna waltzes interludes, 45433 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire which survived another storm today, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

11600, 12/Dec 1603-1653, LIBYE, Radio & TV Libia, In French. At 1603 start of transmission. OM short speech and music. The 1612 only carrier without modulation. At 1640 OM talk. At 1644 YL talk. Modulation with a sound bass and a little distorted. Mention the revolution and Libya by YL. At 1652 Lebanese traditional music. At 1703 ID by OM. 35433 (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14XS 38 58XW, Brasil, Dipole antenna for 16 meters, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. 5010.19, Radio Madagasikara, *0208-0240, sign on with local African music. African choral music. Short 25 second IS at 0232 followed by National Anthem. Opening ID announcements at 0235. Malagasy talk. Local choral music. Poor. Weak in noisy conditions. Dec 10 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

5010.185, 11/12 1810, Radio Madagascar, songs, weak (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, Excalibur Pro; ANT: T2FD di 15 metri; QTH: Milano citt , My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5010.1, Radio Madagaskara, 0216-0239 Dec 13, non-stop music program to opening by a woman announcer in Malagasy with ID and announcements. Back to music but the fair signal was deteriorating rapidly (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** MALAWI. MBC Radio One, 756 Blantyre. Dec 12, 2011, Monday. 1817-1819. Chichewa and english, talking about Malawi. Poor. Jo'burg sunset 1654 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. Voice of Malaysia --- Dear Albert, Some time I've not been able to receive VOM English programmes on Sunday on 15295 kHz. Have they stopped broadcasting in English. Yours sincerely (Subir Basu, Calcutta [sic], India, Dec 8, bangladx list, via Alokesh Gupta, dx_sasia yg via dXLD)

Dear Subir, Thank you for your email. I trust you're in good health and that everything's going great on your end. We stopped broadcasting on shortwave end of August 2011 and now can only be heard on the Internet. To listen, please go to: <http://www.vom.com.my> The English Service is being served up now, hot from the oven! haha. Do tune in. :D Once again, thank you for writing. Take care. Keep in touch and stay tuned. Warmest regards, (Albert Ng, via Basu, ibid.)

** MALAYSIA [and non]. 7295, Traxx FM (tentative); 2234-2258, 9-Dec; English EZL oldies -- some familiar, some not; announcements every 2-3 tunes; heard "Kuala Lumpur" during one. SIO=242 at tune-in; USB helps with Chinese on 7290. Weaken toward TOH & clobbered by V of Russia & R. Romania s/on on 7300; both in English; Chinese was also there. Logged about equally often near sunset & sunrise (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

Ascolti dalla Malesia --- Cari amici, gli ascolti che vi "propino" sono stati fatti in occasione di un viaggio di lavoro a Johor Bahru (Malesia), a pochi chilometri da Singapore (per la cronaca, i canali attivi da Kranji mi sporcavano 10 kHz sopra e sotto). Ho notato che le bande tropicali sono molto pi  vivaci che in Ecuador, grazie ai tanti canali indiani ancora attivi. Le altre bande abbondano di segnali anche forti, nelle lingue pi  disparate... Tutti gli ascolti sono stati fatti con Degen 1103 e un filo di 5 metri...

5965, RTM Kuala Lumpur, 1045, 04/12, Malay, male talk, local melodic music. Very good (SIO 555)

6050, RTM Sarawak, 1055, 04/12, Malay, male talk, local melodic music. Very good (SIO 555)

(on 04/12 NO traces of RTM Sarawak on 5030, RTM Wai FM on 6100, RTM Sarawak on 7235) (Michele D'Amico, 11 Dec, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. 9835, Sarawak FM via RTM, via Kajang (near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), 1539-1606, Dec 14. In vernacular with EZL pop songs; ads; IDs; ToH choral National Anthem (Negaraku ñ Lagu Kebangsaan Malaysia); more pop songs; iSarawak FMî singing jingle; fair-good.

11665, Wai FM, via Kajang (near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), 1539-1600, Dec 14. In vernacular EZL pop songs; 1559 nice iWai FMî singing jingle; light jamming by CNR1.

11665, Sarawak FM, 1600 till off in a matter of minutes, Dec 14. Became // 9835 at ToH.

Sarawak FM audio at <http://www.box.com/s/yy0io3vvqo55fuk555b8>
Wai FM audio at <http://www.box.com/s/l3rrg98r744imk2up9or>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA. 7245, Dec 8 at 0600, IGIM chanting has just been joined in progress, as no signal was there a couple minutes earlier when I tuned across.

7245, Dec 9 at 0637, IGIM is on the air in Arabic talk, not chanting. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sabato 10 dicembre 2011, 0829, 7245, R. MAURITANIE - Nouakchott - Arabic - Canto locale - SF/IN (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

7245, Dec 11 at 0620, IGIM is on and chanting; it was not on at last tuneby about 15 minutes earlier. BTW, Neil Kazaross says their MW 783 has been running all-night.

[and non]. 7245, Dec 13 at 0638, IGIM is on and chanting vs adjacent Vatican mass on 7250 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 810, Dec 10 at 0602 UT, barely copiable thru QRM is ID from XERI, ``Tamaulipas, 5000 watts, 25 a0os al aire``, then playing instrumental NA after local midnight. This is a bit surprising, as

this Radio Rey, Reynosa is listed for only 100 watts at night (1000 day), vs the other Tamaulipan, XEFW in Tampico with 1000 night (50000 day). And IRCA Mexican Log 2010 says XERI is stereo too (C-QUAM?). Current Cant' and WRTH 2011 agree on the listed power figures. So is 5000 mere hype, or admission that they are running that much even at night? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 660, M...XICO, XEDTL, Radio Ciudadana, MÈxico, DF. 1201 December 10, 2011. Very long version of choral anthem at tune-in, female from 1206, "... radio p'blico... XEDTL... 660 A-M... Desde Ciudad de MÈxico... Radio Ciudadana..." into program promos, Good. Normally for me, the much lower power XEAR, Tampico is the sole Mexican on the channel at pre/post sunrise; first-ever log of this one here despite brute listed power. [50 kW]

990, M...XICO, XEID, Radio Alamo, Alamo, Veracruz. 1207 December 11, 2011. Tune-in to kiddie choral Veracruz state anthem (presumably having followed the Mexican anthem), male at 1209, clearly mentioning "MegaHertz" (an FM simulcast or affiliate I presume, though none listed on Fred Cant''s site) and mention of Veracruz. Presume the one, as this is the only Veracruz State station listed on 990. Mixing with Cuban Radio Guam, and quickly lost post local sunrise. First log of this here, though I've had Mexican anthem activity taunting me previously.

1090, M...XICO, XEMCA, Radio 10-90, P-nuco, Veracruz. 1202 December 13, 2011. Kiddie version of the Veracruz state anthem in progress (seems to be the most popular rendition), male ID.

1170, M...XICO, XERT, Ke Buena, Reynosa, Tamaulipas. 1201 December 11, 2011. Tune-in to anthem, male XERT ID, slogan and city at 1202, into Mexi-tunes. Oddly, listed as 5 kW daytime, but if true it came up a little early. First log of this one here (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, Abridged pile of junk: JRC NRD-535; ICOM IC-R75; Hammarlund HQ-180A; Aqua Guide 705 Radio Direction Finder; Sangean PR-D5; Sony ICF-7600GR; GE SuperRadio III; RadioShack DX-399; 1 X roof dipole; 1 X in-room random wire. dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Artie Bigley has been objecting to an article by Mal Fuller which appeared in DXLD 8-021, <http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld8021.txt> claiming that XERF ran as much power as one million watts. Here is a reply about that: (gh)

The overall article is close to the truth as to Doc Brinkly and his dead goats, but errs in some significant details.

The FCC never licensed nor authorized stations in Mexico. So Mexico

never asked the FCC for more high-power frequencies. Mexico (and sovereign nations in general) license their own stations).

Because XERA irritated the US and the FCC so much, there was an effort to get a regional treaty to regulate AM assignments and international use. The early 40ís treaty, negotiated back to the late 30ís, called NARBA, joined the US, Canada, Bahamas, Jamaica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and Mexico to make a commonly acceptable agreement. One of the conditions early on was that XERA disappear.

Wolfman Jack was not listened to on XERF in LAÖ that is likely not an intentional lie, just a misunderstanding of how far any power can go on 1570 at night. The Wolfman had moved to XERB, a 50 kw 1-B station in Rosarito, just south of Tijuana, Mexico, and an assignment authorized by NARBA.

Iím assuming that whoever wrote the article was more interested in the quaint story of the goat glands, but itís obvious that they did not understand AM propagation or technology, the cost of a 1 million watt transmitter and plain and simple facts, accessible quite readily.

Check the Whites Logs and Radex issues on the americanradiohistory pages. Those two were the radio listenersí bibles in the 30ís and 40ís, and you can see that XERF never had 1 million watts. Then, go to Jones Logs, from the late 50ís to the 80ís. These were very, very accurate and of course XERF never had 1,000,000 watts at any time.

Somewhere I have an XERF verification from the early 60ís, signed by my friend SergioÖ it speaks of the 250 kw RCA.

The only place that 1,000,000 seems to appear is in articles and books that chronicle the content of the border stations, but show enormous misunderstanding of the power levelsÖ or a susceptibility to the hyperbole of the broadcasters themselves. Remember, in that eraÖ 40ís and 50ísÖ it was common for AMs to use Peak Envelope Power instead of carrier power to promote themselves. In that way, a 5 kW station was suddenly a 20 kW station (assuming 100% modulation with a toneÖ). If you are not versed in technology, as those writers obviously are not, then you might get sucked in by the puffery.

Remember, I have generalized in the overall scope of licencing and such, but the specific facts support my conclusions.

[Later:] Artie, A very, very good friend of mine is Sergio Ballesteros, from Mexico, who was Gerente General (General Manager) of XERF from the late 50ís well into the 60ís. Sergio later moved to Puerto Rico where he was active in the record business for 40 years.

Sergio had been with Richard Eaton's WBNX in New York, and when Eaton, through his Mexican wife, bought an interest in XERF, Sergio went to Villa Acuña to run that little money machine. Just before he arrived, they had installed a 250 kW RCA, replacing the lower (150 kW) powered home brew rig they had. That unit ran well into the 80s, when it started disintegrating and the market for night brokered shows fell off. The 250 kW RCA ran full 250 kW if they wanted it to. The problem was that XERF had to generate their own electricity (in fact, in a peace-making gesture with the town, they also lit the streets of Acuña) and it was better to run just slightly less than full power for the generator and for tube life.

XERF never had 1,000,000 watts. If Mal were to ask one of the AM DX clubs to post something, many old timers would violently disagree with the 1,000,000 watt claim.

Mal may be thinking of Doc Brinkley's XERA, which was down around 845 kcs, in the pre-NARBA days of the 30s. It reputedly ran 1 million, but those who knew the installation say that Brinkley, a consummate thief and liar, really had around 500 kW. And XERA is not XERF; there is some geographic heritage, and NARBA gave 1570 to that border town as part of that issue. But those of us who actually know people who have been in Acuña, inside the building, know that on 1570 it was never 1,000,000 watts and anyone who says differently is sadly uninformed or is reading the wrong sources. Of course, the credibility of someone who daily breaks the FCC rules about using SW to reach a domestic audience is not someone whose opinion I much care about anyway.

There are plenty of pictures of the RCA 250 kW floating around. D (David Gleason, Dec 2, 2011, to and via Artie Bigley, OH, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6185, Dec 9 at 0642, XEPPM album cuts by YL sound like Eartha Kitt: ``My Heart Belongs to Daddy``, 0643 segue to ``Let's Fall In Love``, Cole Porter songs. So much good music during this semi-hour on 49m: we are torn among this and Austria and Spain, but R. Educación has the weakest signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Signs of skip on 2 --- I leave the analog TV on channel 2 several hours a day, or recheck it frequently. Finally saw some signs of weak video at 0133 UT Dec 9, antenna pointed south, probably Mexico. It's about time to be getting some winter Es. Nothing on 6m Sherlock, tho. 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, 0147 UT Dec 9, WTFDA via DXLD)

Skip monitor is set up for season and getting very weak fluttering rolling video on 2 just in and out at 2153 UT/3:53pm CT.

Mexican TV on 2, 3 --- Weak NTSC signals on 2, 3. Strongest at 2232 UT/4:32 pm CT seem to be from ch 3 with toons, including a Hasbro ad (id'd via audio). Looks as the Winter 2011-12 E's season has arrived in Southeast Arkansas.

Short E's opening from Mexico(?) during 4 pm CT hour, best signal was at 2242 UT/4:42 PM CT from a unid ch 2 relay of Canal 5 with a dubbed version of "Spongebob Squarepants". Video was in and out on 3 but did hear audio and rolling video for a Hasbro product (in Spanish). MUF rose to ch 5 but didn't last long with very weak video. Brief comeback on 2 at 2258 UT/4:58 pm CT with familiar Canal 5 logo during Spongebob (Fritze H Prentice Jr, KC5KBV, Star City, AR, Dec 9, ibid.)

** MONACO [non]. Monaco Radio with news for sailors and ships in the sea and ending the transmission with a National Anthem was heard in mode USB on 8728 kHz at 0655 h and again at 0925 h on 24 November. Compiled by Rumen Pankov (R. Bulgaria DX, Dec 9 via RusDX via DXLD)

** MONACO [non]. 5910, Dec 13 at 0644, TWR music-box IS, 0645 Polish. Cannot hear a het or anything from Alcarav'n Radio, Colombia, which many nites at other times has the frequency to itself. HFCC has TWR on 5910 only at 0645-0700, 100 kW, 55 degrees from Wertachtal, GERMANY.

At 0650 checked 7225, same YL speaking, but not //. Finally figured out that 7225 was running about 20 seconds ahead of 5910, so different playouts of same program? Separation became more obvious when music started at 0653. HFCC shows 7225 is 100 kW, 300 degrees from Moosbrunn, AUSTRIA at 0644-0659. Are the registered times one minute apart trying to indicate that they are really 20+ seconds apart? In A-11 the lower channel was on 5915 and the higher on 7220, plus Czech at 0600-0615, both from 'MCO' = Fontbonne, France, but not any more (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA. 12085, Voice of Mongolia, *1030-1058* Dec 13 [Tuesday], woman announcer with ID and opening of English program followed by news. Later it was time for the mailbag program with a letter from Alan Loudell. It was good to hear a familiar name on shortwave. Closed with a Mongolian folk tune. Poor to fair with a lot of flutter (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

** MOROCCO [and non]. 15349.1, Dec 9 at 1409, IMM stix here with Arabic music, in the clear during this hour after hetting Turkey until 1356, and before hetting Vatican from 1457 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Venerdì 9 dicembre 2011: 1119 - 15349.1 kHz, RT MAROCAINE - Nador, Arabo, talk YL. Segnale sufficiente. Battimento con la Turchia: chissà come la pensa - assieme alle altre emittenti che usano 15350 - che il Marocco ha fatto questo spostamento. Per capire qualcosa, infatti, con il VR5000 mi sono messo in AM-N[arrow] (ma ci sono fisso perché l'AM semplice è troppo larga) ed LSB. Utile anche il modulo DSP opzionale attivato (Luca Botto Fiora, QTH G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MOZAMBIQUE. R·dio MoÁambique DelegaÁ,,o de Beira, 873 Sofala (Beira). Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1739-1747. Portuguese, OM and YL in conversation. OM mentioned "MoÁambique" at 1745, but not a formal ID. Fair, but with a rapidly pulsing het from somewhere; Euro-African Medium Wave Guide suggests it could possibly be Radio Botswana, 50 kW from Gansti, although I have never logged that one. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

R·dio MoÁambique, Emissora Interprovincial Maputo & Gaza, 738 Maputo // 1008 Maputo. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1720-1735. Portuguese, unreadable but YL talking, then OM. Mentioned "MoÁambique" at 1731, but too poor to tell if it was part of a formal ID. YL and OM talking after 1731, sounds like current affairs but still unreadable. Both frequencies very poor, at noise level. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

R·dio MoÁambique Emissora Nacional, 1206 Inhambane. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1816-1826. Portuguese, with rather nice twangy music. I don't recognise the instrument but it sounds a bit like a Greek bouzouki (sp?). OM introduced more of the same at 1819, it sounds like a Greek rhythm. If reception was good I could listen to it all night, but it isn't. Fair-poor, just above noise level with fades below. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

R·dio MoÁambique, Emissora Provincial de Cabo Delgado, 1224 Pemba. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1832-1838. Portuguese, at noise level. Very poor. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

R·dio MoÁambique, Emissora Provincial Gaza, 810 Xai-Xai. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1737-1738. Portuguese, OM's talking. Poor, barely readable. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

R·dio MoÁambique, Emissora Provincial Tete, 963 Tete. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1749-1750. Portuguese, but that is all I can make out. Very poor, at noise level. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

R·dio MoÁambique, Emissor Provincial de Manica, 1026 Chimoio. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1752-1755. Portuguese, OM and YL talking. Very poor, at noise level. Jo'burg sunset 1654 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. {7100?} Myanmar appears to be off all their 7 MHz frequencies other than what appears to be a strong test transmission from around 1230 to 1500 sign-off, playing Burmese pop music. No station IDs (Victor Goonetilleke, 4S7VK, Sri Lanka, DXplorer Dec 7 via BC-DX Dec 9 via DXLD)

Perhaps what we had been hearing on 7110 for a few days (gh, DXLD)

** NEPAL. Radio Nepal in financial crisis, to close down ?
<http://alokeshgupta.blogspot.com/2011/12/radio-nepal-in-financial-crisis-to.html>
(Alokesh Gupta, Dec 14, dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 5955, Dec 12 at 0614, Dutch in the clear, no jamming from Cuba any more vs absent R. Rep'blica. If it's in Dutch, the odds are very high its RNW, and even higher that it's not transmitted from Netherlands. This hour is via Vatican, even tho I assume RNW is not obliged to follow papal dicta.

Later compared to the trio of 31m channels, and found no pair of the quartet were synchronized. At 0623 in time order: 9865 first, 9895 second, and 9830 third. In strength order, 9895 first, 9865 second, 9830 third. Sites: 9895 Pridnestrovye, 9865 Bonaire, 9830 Wertachtal. Note Bonaire is not on top in this case; see also RUSSIA. At 0626, 9865 cut away from the others to play NA due to its semi-hour instead of full-hour broadcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND [and non]. 6604/usb, NY Radio, English VOLMET data with Gander Radio UNDERNEATH them -- I've never seen these two stations blow the coordination like this before! Strange. NYR went out at :20 as usual & Gander Radio continued with the rest of its broadcast un-interfered with. Gander Radio gave a T/C at :20 'on time' so I don't know why they were on inappropriately! 1317-1322 3/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

** NIGER. QSL: ORTH [sic; ORTN?], La Voix du Sahel, 9705, full/data logo/Africa outline card in 80 days for 3 IRCs and French report via airmail. V/s. Brah Amadou, Chef du Service Technique de la Radio, who also sent along a nice personal note. He may be contacted at brahamadu(at)yahoo(dot)fr I was thanked for the interest I showed in their transmission. This is quite a fast and friendly response from a station that I have been struggling to hear for years! 73s (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Dec 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 15120, V of Nigeria with YL talx on "Reflections" about bad habits & how they affect our lives. ID as "English Service of VoN" at :34 into features & African rhythm music. Did you know that only

10-15% of the world's population is left handed? Hum and distortion in modulation. 3+5543+ 0530-0540 4/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

I can receive Swahili of Voice of Nigeria on 11770 at 1600-1630* UT on Dec. 7, listed to 9690 kHz. First noted on Nov. 25, Hiro in Akita received it UnID and unknown language station.

<http://ani.atz.jp/FBDX/NowBBS/img/3941.mp3>

de Hiroshi. Modulation is bad, but which of Ikorodu or Abuja will this be? (S. Hasegawa, Japan, Dec 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15120, V. of Nigeria, Ikorodu, 1817-1833 Dec 12, English; W announcer with "Beyond Poverty Lines" program re "broken populations & broken economies"; soundbites from various gov't officials; program ID at 1828 & VoN ID in passing; filler music; Talking Drums at BoH into new program, whose name I did not copy; fair (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. QSL: I received the following from Dr. Benway for reception of pirate Undercover Radio on 1710 kHz during Thanksgiving:

"Holy smokes, that's amazing. I assume the BOG antennas are beverage antennas which I'm sure helped a lot but I'm amazed at the quality of the signal. I was running an IRF510 final with about a 15 watt carrier and 120% modulation (40 watt peaks pushing it's limits) into a dipole up about 20 ft on a hill probably about 300ft high. I would guess distance as the crow flies to be around 350 miles. That's pretty amazing. I was broadcasting 24x7 though I had a day off when I blew the final on Thanksgiving day sometime and had to wait for Radio Shack to open to grab a new part." (Tim Tromp, Muskegon MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6924.66, Captain Morgan Shortwave, 2330-2335*, Christmas music. ID. Fair. Dec 10 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** NORTH AMERICA. [Pirate]. 6924.6v, Family Radio - WFMT, *2347-0025, sign on with bells/chimes. IDs and lite instrumental music. Rap music and pop music followed. Fair. Dec 10-11 (Brian Alexander, PA, DX Listening Digest)

** OKLAHOMA. 1580, Dec 10 at 1344 UT, open carrier from KOKB Blackwell, and also from sister station 1020 KOKP Perry. That might have made way for no-longer mysterious Spanish Saturday mornings from 1580 in Fort Smith, but at 1400 sharp, without ID or sign-on, both of them start modulating with apparently live weekly show (p)reviewing high-school football games. This was not awaiting local sunrise, which

is already at 1330 in Dec (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 88.3, Dec 10 at 1630 UT, Enid's Family Radio 250-watt satellator K202BY is missing; it may have been absent for some time, as it's normally ignored anyway. Of course, these unattended translators fail periodically, and it often takes a while before anyone gets around to fixing them. But we can hope this is a consequence of Harold Camping's stupidity and it's gone for good.

The 60 dbu contour map at FCC FM Query shows from a site just west of SH 132 on extension of Willow Road, WNW of Enid, it reached only halfway into Enid anyway. Looking at the 88.3 listings for OK, there are 10 others, mostly translators or low-power, except for a 100 kW Cherokee Nation CP in Murphy, all of which should make for interesting DX. I can't find Murphy on the maps, but FCC shows the site is axually near Big Cabin on I-44 SW of Vinita, quite some distance from Cherokee HQ in Tahlequah.

Never mind: 88.3, Dec 14 around 2000 UT, YFR satellator is back on, dominating the channel in Enid (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 89.5 stereo FM carrier: I have continued to hear this whenever I am driving around in Enid, strongest on the west side of town. One midday it was stronger around the First Assembly of God church at the intersexion of Oakwood and Chestnut, but I could not pinpoint it there for sure.

Then in the evening, UT December 13 around 0050 UT on the caradio, the carrier now has Xmas rock music, weakening as I drive to the east side of Enid. Following night December 14 it is on again around 0020 UT, strengthening toward the west side. Probably starts modulating somewhat before sunset and on into the evenings, but never turns off the transmitter, poor operating procedure. This thing covers half of Enid, so it's got to be more than Part 15.

Searching DXLDs, last year an Xmas lite show at a residence in W Enid was broadcasting music to go with it, but that was on 99.7. See DXLD 10-51, and also 10-52, when we were also getting something on 89.5.

Location of the lite show then was Dick Yuhnke, 5701 Pheasant Run Drive. If there is nothing in this year's Eagles about it, will go there to check if that's where 89.5 is now coming from. 99.7 is not a clear frequency now with KZLS site change (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 91.7, Tuesday Dec 13 at 1430 UT as I turn on the breakfast table radio, quite by chance catch another monthly 'The Living Room' show on KOSU, pre-empting the final semihour of NPR

'Morning Edition'. Gerry Bonds is interviewing a Mideast expert from UCO in the first half, and Moslem/Christian women from Tulsa in the second half, who get together and enjoy each other's company, Jews and agnostix also welcome. See our previous report on this in DXLD 11-45, when it was heard at same time Tuesday Nov 8 --- so seems to be scheduled on the second Tuesday of each month (plus a couple of earlier times) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, Radio Oman, 1420-1442 Dec 12, pop music program to 1430 ID followed by news in English. News ended at 1438. Poor and fading badly by tune out (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

15140, Dec 12 at 1430, YL with news in English, S9+15 peaks, but undermodulated and hard to follow. Something about Syria. This is R. Sultanate of Oman, of course, not BBC as claimed by some downunderite (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, R. Sultanate of Oman, Thumrait, 1936-2002 Dec 12, Arabic; M announcer between music bits; occasional talk by M announcers via remotes; music fanfare at ToH & (Presume) ID; NA "The Sultans Anthem" into M announcer with news; poor at tune/in; much improved by 2000 (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, Radio Sultanate of Oman, Thumrait. 1416 December 13, 2011. Clear and fair in local hash with English pop vocals, though nothing I recognized, English male DJ briefly between, slow, faux chimes 1430, ID (something FM frequency) into news headlines -- Paki-centric of course -- then seemingly weather highlights after 1435, into instrumental jazzy song followed by pop vocals, female 1453 but unable to copy her. Chimes again at 1400, Arabic male ID, Arabic news (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Radio East New Britain, 3385, 10 Dec fair with island and pop music, ads in English 0820, several minutes of talk near bottom of hour, then back to more music, gradually dropping in strength. Weak by 0901 when it switched to what sounded like NBC news by woman. Carrier with bits of audio from possible Radio Sandaun noted on 3205 at the same time. This was close to sunset time at the transmitter, so possibly a sunset enhancement effect was at work. I recorded the 90 meter band the rest of the night 0903-1510 and didn't hear anything more from PNG or Indonesia, so the early reception of PNG was rather interesting (Bruce Portzer, Seattle, WA, Winradio

Excalibur, K9AY Antenna, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. [re 11-49:] Unfortunately, nowhere above do we see the e-mail address to use, but it came from a person named Kabua (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1594, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Here it comes:

On November 22, Mr. James Kaltobie suggested me by E-mail that e-QSL is issued if the S-mailed QSL is lost. He introduced me the e-QSL manager Mr. Kabua J. Momo. I sent E-mail to Mr. Kabua hoping the e-QSL, attached the copy of my old reception report on May 29, 2010. He promptly sent me the A4 size nice e-QSL with full data (year was mistyped as 2011, same as in case of Jari) and signature, with kind letter. Mr. Kabua J. Momo is now a Broadcast Officer - Media & Public Relations of Ok Tedi Mining Limited (P O Box 1, Tabubil, Western Province, Papua New Guinea). telephone +675 649 3924, fax +675 7190 9119 E-mail: kabua.momo @ oktedi.com (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST 11-49, WORLD OF RADIO 1595)

5960, R Fly e-QSL rcvd on June 12 [sic] from Kabua Momo with full (and correct) details for June 26, 2010 reception on 5960 kHz. Started with E-mail to station director James Kaltobie who referred me to Winnie Monouluk who referred me to Kabua - Kabua and Winnie are apparently in the OK Tedi Mining Co. Ltd. Public Relations Dept. I wish all PNG QSL's were as complete and as reliable as this one. I have many PNG station reports unanswered, but then again the same situation exists with AIR regionals, both of which used to be at the top of the reliability list (Bruce W. Churchill, CA, DXplorer Dec 8 via BC-DX Dec 9 via DXLD)

Received June 12? Surely meant December 6; when will people ever learn not to give month/days numerically?? At least for the first dodekaday of any month (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** PERU. 3329.55, Per', Ondas del Huallaga, Hu·nuco, 1040, om and yl exchanging comments, 1042 YL extended talk. 1047 fading out. CHU notched on 746Pro. 7 December (Bob Wilkner, Drake R8 -746Pro Modified - NRD 535D, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

5459.898, Radio Bolívar, Cd. Bolívar at 0048 with om en espa0ol with music, better reception on 10 December; also noted 6 December same time with poor signal (Bob Wilkner, Drake R8 -746Pro Modified - NRD 535D, Pompano Beach, South Florida, US, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES [and non]. [tentative] 9580, Next to even Africa No. One signal, fair strength from Gabon via easterly long path from Africa across Latin America, into Japan, noted an UNKNOWN station on

odd 9579.469 kHz, time S=4 signal on remote unit in Japan. Probably PBS Radio ng Bayan/DZFM/DZRM from Quezon City-Marulas, at 0545 UT Dec 2 (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 2, via DXLD 11-49, WORLD OF RADIO 1595)

The PHILIPPINES, 9579.45, DZRM, PBS, Radyo Magasin, 0751-0803, Dec 03, English and Tagalog (?) talk, ID: î...Radio Magasinî at 0803, 33333. (Wagai, Japan, DSWCI DX Window Dec 14 via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

Very low power, seldom reported; is irregular, or just hard to hear? Same service relayed at times by R. Pilipinas (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** PHILIPPINES. 9760, Dec 13 at 1500, where is VOA English news? Finally at 1502, transmitter cuts on and off quickly multiple times during news, finally stays on, but undermodulated and with hum, as also heard last few days. No other carrier on frequency, so this Tinang unit is obviously ailing, presumably the #2 transmitter, 250 kW at 21 degrees USward, also used on 9555 in Korean at 12-15.

9555, Dec 14 at 1408, VOA Korean is hummy and undermodulated. Same Tinang-2 transmitter is already on 9760 when I tune at 1502, much stronger but also undermodulated and hum during English news (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. 7290, Dec 9 at 2129, Radio PMR is still on and opening German program. Since this was UT Friday, I was expecting them to be off the air for the weekend, after local midnight in UT+3 zone = 2100 UT. The time situation there is very confusing. One timeanddate.com page says:

Transnistria will stay on DST, UT +3 after Oct 30, including Tiraspol:
<http://www.timeanddate.com/news/time/transnistria-eternal-dst.html>

and another says: Tiraspol: UT +2, no DST at the moment, Dec 10
<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=949>

This page also has Chisinau = Kishinev, Moldova on UT+2 at the moment:
<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=177>

Of course, any professional *external* service would not allow itself to be affected by local time changes.

[Later:] Regarding previous observation that Radio PMR, 7290, was still on the air after 2130 UT Friday, and what local timezone is in effect, Wolfgang B_schel found this:

Transnistria is still on Ukrainian time, switched back 1 hr on Oct 30:
<http://www.timeanddate.com/news/time/transnistria-dst-end.html>

i.e. both of them went back to UT +2, instead of staying on UT+3 as originally planned (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PUERTO RICO. [Re 11-49] Finalmente qualche novità sulle onde medie, già la notte di San Nicolú ha portato interessanti DX:

1660, 06/12/2011, 0306-, PTR, WGIT, R. Voz, Canúvanas, commenti, annunci, numeri di telefono, Id "Estaciún WGIT Canúvanas. 1660 AM" 23322 (Saverio De Cian, Perseus / ANT: K9AY, Sedico (Belluno) / Italia, shortwave [sic] yg via DXLD)

1660, 12/12/2011, 0320-, WGIT, R. Voz, Canúvanas, commenti, annunci, numeri di telefono, Id "Estaciún WGIT Canúvanas. 1660 AM" 44343 (Saverio De Cian, Perseus, K9AY, Sedico (Belluno), ibid.)

Notiluz-1660 desde Puerto Rico --- Con una propagaciún estupenda, captada en Bogotá D.C. en 1660 kHz a las 2355 UT el 14-12-11, RS: 5-7. Notiluz-1660 desde Puerto Rico con identificaciún WGIT. Saludos y buen DX (José Luís de Vicente T., HK3ORT, Sangean ATS-909, Ant. Loop Magnetico, condiglist yg via DXLD) Notiluz was to be its new slogan, but did you axually hear it mentioned yet or just WGIT? (gh, DXLD)

** ROMANIA. QUESTIONNAIRE 2011-2012 - RADIO ROMANIA INT CHESTIONAR

Dear Sir/ Madam, Radio Romania International has a continued commitment towards improving the structure, content and journalistic quality of radio broadcasts (by modernizing short wave emitters, short wave digital content, expanding re-broadcasting services through partner stations). At the same time, we have enhanced our on-line presence, branching out on social networks and content sharing platforms.

This questionnaire is our latest attempt to gauge how well received and appreciated these efforts were by our audience. You are kindly invited to fill in this questionnaire and send it to RRI as soon as possible, but no later than 15 March 2012.

The first 100 of our listeners who return the complete questionnaire by any means (regular mail, e-mail, fax, or by filling in the form received through RRI newsletter) will receive a small gift as a sign of our appreciation.

Be assured that your answers are entirely confidential, and will be used by RRI for statistical purposes only. The only exception to that may be answers that we quote on the air with your explicit consent.

Thank you in advance, Eugen Cojocariu, Head of RRI

For more...

<http://www.rrr.ro/art.shtml?lang=1&sec=1112&art=198982>

(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

** ROMANIA [and non]. 7405, 9520, 9755, 9755, 9755 e 9790 kHz ã R·dio RomÍnia Internacional ã Galbeni e Bucureste ã Recebidos seis carties QSLs para seis informes enviados nos `ltimos meses e boletim de programaÁ,,o ã 30 dias apÔs o envio do `ltimo informe e cerca de 240 dias depois do 1º informe. V/S: Victoria Sepciu. Informes enviados ao e-mail: span @ rrr.ro QTH: 60-62 General Berthelot St., RO-70747, Bucureste, RomÍnia. Imagens dos carties publicadas em: <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150090731999244.281542.555869243&type=1&l=a59e8ba0cb> (CÉlio Romais, Porto Alegre (RS), Brasil, Dec 14, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. 11605 kHz ã Voz da R'ssia ã via Guiana Francesa ã Recebido dois QSLs para apenas um informe e carta pessoal ã 91 dias. V/S: Jonas Bernardino e Maria Sigalova, da equipe em portuguÍs. Informe enviado via correio cl·ssico. QTH: 113326 Pyatnitskaya str, 25, Moscou, R'ssia. Imagens dos carties publicadas em: <http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10150090731999244.281542.555869243&type=1&l=a59e8ba0cb> (CÉlio Romais, Porto Alegre (RS), Brasil, Dec 14, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 7250, Dec 10 at 2245, it's ``London Calling``, but from V. of Russia, not BBC! Apparently a regular program segment now, this time discussing educating Russian children in Britain to be sure they speak proper English, not inferior American accent. Come to think of it, BBC doesn't really say ``London Calling`` any more, how quaint, so why not Moscow? 7250 is 500 kW, 315 degrees from ``Armavir`` at 22-05 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 9840, Dec 10 at 0530, VOR via Pet/Kam, English news headlines, somewhat over co-channel R. Rossii, with SAH/flutter between them. Since VOR has deprived us this winter of a NAM service until 0700, due to what ought to be irrelevant local time change in Moscow, I haven't been hearing it much as I usually don't start monitoring until 0600, after which the Moscow site R. Rossii is alone on 9840 and often coming in well. But today I reconfirm that they are still colliding before 0600, another example of monumental incompetence in frequency management, Russians vs Russians!

9840, Dec 12 at 0627, R. Rossii Moscow site is absent. No signal, despite RWM binary audible on 9996, and Turkey q.v. in better than usual on 9820. Can the ptb finally have moved this off 9840 colliding with VOR English to NAM from DVR which runs until 0600? Need to check

further nights, before 0600.

9840, Dec 13 at 0634, poor signal from something, presumably R. Rossii, Moscow site, which was absent 24 hours earlier tho propagation was obviously functioning from that same area on 9996. Still need to check before 0600 on the collision with VOR English from Pet/Kam to WNAW also on 9840, as which one dominates from night to night varies greatly.

9840, Dec 14 at 0553, roughly equal mix between VOR English to WNAW via Pet/Kam, and R. Rossii via circa-Moskva site, so nothing has been done about this self-collision until 0600 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. Voice of Russia / Al Jazeera / BBC / R Australia

It is interesting, after all these years of listening to a variety of foreign (mostly radio, some TV) broadcasters, on how a station's coverage (or lack of coverage) on an important "issue of the day." Interestingly enough, not a word about the demonstrations against the Putin government either tonight, or last night (December 9, 10) evenings local time, 0200 UT news from Voice of Russia on my internet radio. This was covered quite extensively by NBC news, and also Al Jazeera, which just this evening had a 1/2 hour program on the unrest in Russia.

On another hot topic, the Durban international conference on Global Warming, which, as I write this, is involved in serious over-time meetings to try to reach an agreement of some sort, nary a word on NBC news this evening, while it was the lead item on Al Jazeera. This has received quite a bit of coverage on NPR radio in the US, and of course, on the BBC and Radio Australia, but, nary a word about it from the Voice of Russia this evening.

Certainly my pattern of what and how I listen to international broadcasters has changed considerably with the near demise of many international broadcasters on shortwave, but generally speaking, for world news, the BBC is still tops on the radio, followed closely by Radio Australia (especially on Asia), while Al Jazeera is far superior to any of the American commercial or cable networks on TV. Just my opinion, comments welcome (Roger Chambers, Utica, NY, Dec 10, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** RWANDA. 6055, Radio Rwanda, 2040-2100*, Afro-pop music. Euro-pop music. French and vernacular talk. Poor to fair. Dec 10 (Brian Alexander, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA, Icom IC-7600, two 100 foot longwires, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAINT HELENA. Last Chance to see the R. Saint Helena shortwave antenna in Google Earth: Search on
15 57 33.09 S 05 43 08.74 W

<<http://maps.google.de/maps?q=15+57+33.09+S+05+43+08.74+W&hl=de&sspn=19.731014,56.206055&vpsrc=6&t=f&z=19&ecpose=-15.95951211,-5.71876595,788.91,1.553,18.172,0>>

The Google-Cursor stops in the street in front of the RSH building (between the building and a blue auto). Zoom in to a viewing altitude of about 800 meters (about 2600 feet). The shortwave antenna can be fairly well seen a bit further up and just to the right. The boom and the three elements are visible.

In the large green field northeast of the RSH building, the two large medium-wave antenna towers can be seen. The very small shed between these towers is at the feedpoint of the medium-wave antenna (a shortened vertical radiator), and in this shed is the antenna tuner for the MW-aerial. With best greetings and 73, Robert Kipp (via RMRC Aktuell magazine, Dec 2011 via BC-DX Dec 9 via DXLD)

** SAIPAN/SAUDI ARABIA. 15120.028, Odd frequency orgy. RFA Laotian service at 1130-1200 UT via Agingan Point at Saipan, with snail and e-mail addresses at 1158 UT Dec 8. S=7-8 here in Europe.

Followed similar signal strength of BSKSA Riyadh Bengali service co-channel crash start at 1200 UT on - also - odd frequency of 15119.965 kHz (Wolfgang B.schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 9 via DXLD)

** SARAWAK [non]. 9835, MALAYSIA, presumed RTM Sarawak FM Kajang 1109-1133 Dec 12 listed Malay; W announcer at tune/in; music bridge at 1110 & tentative jingle ID; ballads & pop music; M & W announcers at BoH; music at 1133; fair; would really like to check // 11665 but frequency dominated by CRI from 1100 (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 9555, SA'UDI ARABIA, BSKSA General Service, Riyadh. *1749 December 13, 2011. Listed as *1800 on this channel but carrier actually up at 1749 for a few seconds, then audio brought up mid-sentence in Arabic. Alone and very good with 6 + 1 time sounders 1800, ID into world news items by man, short sound effects punctuating occasionally (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also SAIPAN

** SEYCHELLES [non]. FEBA NO CONFIRMA (VEAN EL CORREO QUE REBOTO)

De: Collins, Carol <ccollins@feba.org.uk>

Asunto: FW: A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FOR ALL !

Fecha: miÉrcoles, 14 de diciembre, 2011 11:30

Thank you for your sending your reception report. Itís good to know that you can hear Febaís programmes in Spain.

Now that Feba no longer owns its own transmitting station, we are not able to verify reception reports. This is because we use various service providers who are not able to provide this service for us. I am sorry to disappoint you.

You can find information about Feba and our broadcasts on our international website ñ <http://www.febaradio.net>

Regards, Carol Collins, Supporter Relations Coordinator
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<http://www.feba.org.uk> As followers of Jesus Christ, we use media to bring life-changing hope to hard-to-reach communities (via Juan Franco Crespo, Spain, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA [non]. 9955 14/Dec 0143 USA (Relay), R.Slovakia Int, in English. OM talk, at 0143 ID by YL, soon after OM presents news, with taped interviews. At 0149 pop music. 25432. 73 and good night (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S, 38 58¥W, Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz. Dipole antenna, 16 meters - east/west - Balun 4:1 Escutas (listening, my blog):
<http://www.ipernity.com/doc/75006> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. 15700, 08/Dec 0412, UAE, R Damal-V of Somali People, in Somali. Islamic Music. At 0415 YL talk, after local music. At 0420 OM Talk citing Somalia. Weak signal (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14¥S, 38 58¥W, Brasil, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 19689.4, ZSC Cape Town Radio, heard at 2030 UT on December 12 sending Globe Wireless Dataplex using identifier D2. SINPO 35433 (Al Muick, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, USA, WinRadio G303e, Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop (oriented N-S), Accesory: Hoka Code 300-32 Demodulator v3.08, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 3320, Radio Sonder Grense, received on Dec. 10, 2011 at 1900 UT. Music from Giuseppe Verdi's Aôda opera. Talk followed and then a TOH station ID, too weak to copy. Morse code interference from unknown transmitter. The SW schedules I've checked list PBS China and

Sonder Grense on that frequency. It didn't sound like Chinese though, so it must be Sonder Grense. Recording available at http://youtu.be/sqZMBy10V_Y

(Tudor Vedeanu, Gura Humorului, Romania, EtÛn E1XM, 100m longwire antenna with Wellbrook UMB balun, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Channel Africa, 6155, Meyerton. Dec 6, 2011, Tuesday. 0340-0354. "Africa Rise and Shine" so it must be Channel Africa, in English. Not listed by Aoki B11 but yes, ID at 0349 "Channel Africa". Fair - good. Jo'burg sunrise 0308.

Channel Africa, 7230 Meyerton. Dec 6, 2011, Tuesday. 0420-0422. Talking about telecommunications in Africa, then on to the climate change conference in Durban. Good. Jo'burg sunrise 0308 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Hi Glenn, I have done another of my complete medium wave trawls, but unfortunately I picked two days of atrocious medium wave propagation to do it. This is everything that could be heard on MW, in Jo'burg on these two evenings. Most interesting though, it seems that our local Chinese Community Radio is about to come back on air after more than a year's absence. Regards, Bill. [see also BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, MOZAMBIQUE, SWAZILAND]

Chinese Radio ?? 1269, Midrand (Jo'burg). Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1838-2027. Mixed light and pop songs by one band and vocalist, sounds like a collection of live recordings. But I don't recognise the language. No announcements, songs continue right through TOH's 1900 and 2000. This frequency used to be Chinese Community Radio, but It's a very long time since I have heard anything here, certainly pre-B10 (NB: The frequency is presumably a coincidence, not to be confused with CRI from Xuanwei, as per Aoki B11). The Sentech website still lists it as used by "Chinese Radio" (but it also still lists 702 on 702 kHz even though it moved to 92.7 several years ago).

The Euro-African Medium Wave Guide, July 2011 version, is more helpful, saying it is a 2 kW transmitter based in Midrand, (north-east of Jo'burg on the way to Pretoria), and that it is only intermittently on air. The music doesn't sound Chinese, presumably it's Chinese-pop. Do Chinese pop-music audiences shout and scream like western ones? This crowd certainly is. I don't know what time it signed off; I went to sleep at about 2030 and it was gone when I woke up at 0320 on UT Dec 12. Good, s8 and rock-steady, no fading at all. It sounds local but I would have guessed more than 2 kW. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

On Dec 12, 2011, Monday, 0552-0652. Nothing but a hummy s7 carrier. But between 0738-1742. it was back with a wide variety of music, with rap and pop songs in Chinese and English. I left a Drake running in

the workshop all day; the music continued with many abrupt repeats, chops and changes during songs and there were several complete cut-offs, both of just modulation and also carrier. Some real Chinese talk at 1204, more at 1258 but obviously parts of a recording, not an announcement. Several repeats of a jingle "You are listening to Soundtrack by Axel Technology" and several "Hello hello, testing, testing" by African OM and, later, YL. I expected both to start crooning with the music but instead they just talked over it. Also an OM with several "Hello hello"; he even read some of today's local news, as did a YL a few minutes later. They could both have been European, or Chinese with a very good grasp of English pronunciation. Clearly they didn't expect anyone to discover them so soon and listen in, still no announcements or ID so these must be test transmissions. Just after 1520 they relayed a couple of minutes of a broadcast from another SA station, 5FM.

NOTE: As in much of Africa, there is a very large Chinese community in South Africa, and especially in Jo'burg as it is the commercial hub of the country. Sadly Chinese Community Radio does not play what I regard as proper Chinese twangy music as heard on CRI; much like Lotus FM (106.8), the local community station for the Indian population, seldom if ever plays Indian classical music. Good. Jo'burg sunrise 0309.

South Africa. Pan Hellenic Voice, 1422 Bedfordview (Jo'burg). Dec 12, 2011, Monday. 1745-1746. Greek songs and talk by OM. Very good. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

South Africa. Radio Islam, 1548 Lenasia (Johannesburg). Dec 12, 2011, Monday. 1750-1754. Sounds english, OM's talking but mostly unreadable. Very poor, as usual. Barely above noise level. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

South Africa. Radio Today, 1485 Marks Park, Johannesburg. Dec 12, 2011, Monday. 1747-1750. English classical music, followed at 1748 by "Nature Journal" sponsored by SAPPI. Very good. Jo'burg sunset 1654.

South Africa. Umhlobo Wenene (SABC). 846 Komga. Dec 12, 2011, Monday. 1820-1822. Zulu. OM's talking but unreadable. Very poor, at noise level as usual. Jo'burg sunset 1654 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 15420, WBCQ with Brother Scare preaching to a rather enthusiastic black audience. (How do I know their race? At one point the enthusiastic Brother wound up & spit out: "You're not saved because you're black & I'm not right because I'm white!" to which they responded "Amen!" You can't make this stuff up) Too funny. 3+54+4+4 1632-1642 3/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

5890, Dec 12 at 0615 via WWCR, Brother Scare really in a lather, and with self-imposed echo, only for emphasis?

Just for giggles, on Dec 12 at 1630 I check the website to see how his schedule info stax up vs reality: For starters, this notice in red still appears:

``New Shortwave 300,000 watt at 18:00 UTC on 15.190`` --- the time being way off, of course, 13-15 UT via IRRS via ROMANIA.

For SW schedule, you have to go to Downloads > Radio Schedules > Shortwave Radio at
<ftp://www.overcomerministry.org/RadioSchedule/Short%20Wave%20Radio.html>

STATION	FREQ	PLACE	TIME	DAY	TIME ZONE [all blank]
WWRB	3185		6 Pm-9 Am	Sun-Sat	
WWCR	5890		10 Pm-8 Am	Daily	
AFRICA	7190	West Africa	10 Am-11 Am	Tuesday	
WBCQ	7490		8 Pm-11 Pm	Daily	
WWRB	9385		All Day	Sun-Sat	
UK	9460	Europe	10 Am-11 am	Daily	
WWCR	9980		10 Pm-4 Pm	Daily	
EUROPE	13810	Europe	10 Am-11 Am	Daily	
AFRICA	15190	South Africa	9 Am-10 Am	Thursday	
AFRICA	15190	East Africa	3 Pm-4 Pm	Monday	
FAR EAST	15190	Far East	9 Am-10 Am	Daily	
EUROPE	17580	Europe	11 Am-Noon	Daily	
WBCQ	15420		10 Am-Noon	Saturday	

As always, this schedule is undated, with times all mixed up, not in UT, and many of them wrong! Notice also the confusion between ``station`` and ``place``, supposed to mean target area.

WWCR times are really 5890 at 06-12 UT, 9980 at 15-21 UT; extra hours on UT Sundays: 05-06, 21-22. We hear 17580 from Germany at 15-16 UT, so 11 am-noon would refer to non-existent EDT! The 15190 'Far East' station at 9-10 am is really IRRS via Romania, which is really running two hours at 13-15 UT. Note that 7290 is no longer mentioned, which had been 19-20 UT, so is that really off the air, given up to Pridnestrovye? EGR with Overcomer is still on IRRS' own schedule:
<http://www.nexus.org/NEXUS-IBA/Schedules/mon.htm>

The other 15190 listings for parts of Africa, and 7190, are Very Interesting --- these are the imaginary frequencies of R. Africa, Equatorial Guinea, so B.S. thinx he is on that station. 7190 has not been confirmed for many years, and 15190 if active might be turned on only for these broadcasts, in what timezone???

7190 at 10-11 am Tuesday: If EDT = 14-15 UT Tue; if EST = 15-16 UT Tue; If UT +1 as in parts of W Africa, = 09-10 UT Tue
15190 at 9-10 am Thursday to S Africa: if EDT = 13-14 UT Thu; if EST = 14-15 UT Thu; if UT +2 = 07-08 UT Thu
15190 at 3-4pm Monday to E Africa: if EDT = 19-20 UT Monday; if EST = 20-21 UT Monday; if UT +3 = 12-15 UT Monday

So the possible times to check 15190 for this are: Monday 12-15 or 19-21 UT; Thursday 07-08 or 13-15 UT. 7190: Tuesday 09-10 or 14-16 UT. It's also not inconceivable that the evening African broadcasts on 15190 are coming from IRRS/Romania, lacking 7290, even tho the scheduling originally applied to Equatorial Guinea --- q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN [non]. 5965, Dec 9 at 0645, jazz song in French, from what else? REE via COSTA RICA, soon followed by Castilian announcement; vies with MEXICO 6185 and AUSTRIA 6155 for our musical enjoyment (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 9665 29.11 1910 Radio Exterior de España med engelska. Jag har just lyssnat på Alison Hughes' intervju med en viss Christer Brunström i programmet "Listeners' Club". Hon ringde upp mig förra veckan och gjorde en 20 minuter lång intervju - faktiskt riktigt roligt! 4-5 CB

9665, 11/29 1910, Radio Exterior de España in English. I have just listened to Alison Hughes' interview with a certain Christer Brunström in the 'Listeners' Club". She called me up last week and made a 20 minute long interview - actually really funny! 4-5 CB (Christer Brunström, Sweden, SW Bulletin Dec 11, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

INTERVIEW --- Not so often you can hear an interview with the Russian dx-er in the air. Svetlana Demidova (International Spanish Radio) recorded three transmission - interview with Vadim Alekseyev, which are broadcast on Fridays in the framework of the program <<Club of friends of>>. The first program was aired on November 25, the second 2 December, three on 9 December. Listen to them can be and on the internet page at the station address
<http://www.rtve.es/podcast/radio-exterior/emision-en-ruso/>
(editor) 73! (Anatoly Klepov, RusDX via DXLD)

15385, Dec 12 at 1435, open carrier, dead air, yet another foulup from REE when the weekly Monday Sephardic service is supposed to be running at 1425-1455. 1442 finally started modulating in progress with mix of music and announcements; jingle and off at proper time of 1455*. All the time, heavy splash from 15380 RHC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

**** SUDAN [and non]. MINISTER ORDERS TO DROP ALL CHARGES RELATED TO RADIO DABANGA TRIAL**

The Sudanese Minister of Justice, Mohamed Bechara Dausa, decided yesterday to stop the legal proceedings related to Radio Dabanga, and ordered all the necessary actions to be taken to end the case against the defendants Abdelrahman Adam Abdelraman, Gaafer al Sabky, and Kwather Abdel al-Haq.

The minister added that this decision had been made in accordance with the directive given by president Al Bashir to promote freedom and amnesty for journalists, and that it is in line with state policy efforts for peace and unity.

In October 2010 the Sudanese National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) arrested 14 Darfurians for alleged involvement with Radio Dabanga. Several detainees were released without charge after several months of detention, while the others remained in detention at undisclosed locations. In June 2011, charges were brought against the remaining seven. Court sessions were repeatedly delayed at the prosecution's request as witnesses could not be produced. On 4 December the court ordered the release of the remaining detainees, and most severe charges were dropped. (Source: Radio Dabanga)(December 9th, 2011 - 13:40 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

COURT CLOSES CASE RELATED TO RADIO DABANGA

The Court of Khartoum, headed by Judge Abdel Moneim Selim in a final hearing session today officially closed the case related to seven Darfuris accused of collaboration with Radio Dabanga.

The decision of the Minister of Justice to drop all charges against Abdelrahman Adam, Jafar Sabki and Kawthar Haq in accordance with the presidential decree issued by president Al Bashir during EID, was read out and implemented by the Court. Following the closing of the case, the judge ordered the return of confiscated equipment such as computers, as well as money.

Defence lawyer Mohammed Abdullah Duma announced to Radio Dabanga, the official closing of the case was fair and just. (Source: Radio Dabanga)(December 14th, 2011 - 15:16 UTC by Andy Sennitt, ibid.)

**** SUDAN [non]. 17745, UNITED KINGDOM, Sudan Radio service via Woofferton (per EIBI listing in 11 December CSV table) with Arabic talk and African music, at 1620 UTC on December 12 2011. SINPO 45433 (Al Muick, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, USA, WinRadio G303e, Wellbrook**

ALA1530P active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. Trans World Radio, 1171, Manzini. Dec 11, 2011, Sunday. 1807-1813. Very excitable preacher (Franklin Graham) going on about The Great Flood, good old Noah and his ark. Sounds like a live audience. Long plug for the Billy Graham Foundation at 1810. Fair. Jo'burg sunset 1654 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Addio alle antenne --- Ecco come muore un'antenna per le onde corte: <http://rxreport.blogspot.com/>
Ciao (Giampiero Bernardini, Avvenire, Milano, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

venerdì, dicembre 09, 2011, morte di un'antenna

Ecco come muore un'antenna. Si tratta di una logaritmica della stazione a onde corte di H`rby in Svezia. MI fa molta tristezza. E comunque avrei preferito poterla recuperare e installare nel giardino della mia mamma in Toscana. HI

Il video su YouTube

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DNw53c0mxsI&feature=related&mid=54>

Questa invece È un'altra antenna che viene abbattuta, sempre nello stesso sito: il secondo video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yZuY0Fsa0wc&feature=endscreen&NR=1>

Pubblicato da Giampiero Bernardini a 9:13 PM (via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. 7530.000, Suab Xaa Moo Zoo (V of Hope) via Taipei-TWN 100 kW at 250 degrees, at 2230-2300 UT Dec 8, according to Aoki list in Hmong-Blue/Njua languages. Was still on air around tune-in 2220 UT, peaks on northern Japan monitoring posts like S=9+5dB. Program started at 2230.10 UT. Mentioned also 'America ...'. Religious? song at 2234 UT, "Bethlehem ...". (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 9 via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. Pengumuman perubahan gelombang siaran RTI SI program 1 --- Mulai tanggal 12 Desember 2011, siaran RTI SI program 1, untuk pukul 10:00-11:00 UTC atau pukul 17:00-18:00 WIB, di frekwensi 11550 kHz akan berubah menjadi 11915 kHz. Mohon maklum adanya. Terima kasih (Tony T., RTI, Dec 9 via Tony Ashar, Indonesia, dxldyg via DXLD)

Starting on December 12, 2011, broadcast an RTI SI program, for at 10:00 to 11:00 UTC or 17:00 to 18:00 o'clock pm, at the frequency 11550 kHz will be changed to 11915 kHz. Please be advised it is. Thank you. (Google translation) i.e. Taiwan in Indonesian (gh, ibid.)

RTI SI (Siaran Indonesia) 73, (Tony Ashar, ibid.)

11915 R. TAIWAN INTERNAT. ex11550 1000-1100 Ins 250kW 205deg Tainan-Maybe also YFR Indonesian outlet? wb.

11915 YFR FAMILY RADIO ex11550 1100-1200 Ins 300kW 205deg Tainan-TWN (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 9280, WYFR relay in special English with sermon. Heard at 1249 UT on December 12, 2011. SINPO 35433. I can almost imagine the guy at the pulpit waiving his arms very slowly and slow-motion thumping the good book as he speaks this. "Special English" seems to have all but disappeared from the bands (Al Muick, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, USA, WinRadio G303e, Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ?? Plenty on VOA hours if you listen right time (gh)

** TAIWAN [non]. USA. Radio Taiwan International, 6875 Okeechobee // 6890 Okeechobee, Dec 6, 2011, Tuesday. 0400-0417. Chinese, YL talking with occasional music filler. Aoki B11 lists the transmission on 6875 but denies the one on 6890, saying it should be RTI in Spanish but on Saturdays and Sundays only. Well, it's Tuesday and it's Chinese. Both fair - poor. Jo'burg sunrise 0308 (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6875, Dec 9 at 0638, RTI via WYFR, VG still in wrong language, German.

6875, Dec 10 at 0524, RTI via WYFR is still in wrong language, Chinese instead of English. Has not a single regular English listener complained to them about this?

6875, Dec 11 at 0608, RTI via WYFR still in German, not Spanish. Has not a single regular listener in Spanish complained to them about this?

6875, Dec 13 at 0640, RTI via WYFR still in German instead of Spanish, but explaining Chinese song lyrics and then playing the song; usual huge signal aimed Mexicoward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Got a nice X-mas deal from RTI. A new sked., X-mas card signed by the English staff, and an (unfilled out) X-mas QSL with a pic. of the English staff (now I can see the people that I've been hearing!) Good DX to all, (Robbie in south Wyoming, Dec 12, HCDX via DXLD) blank QSLs a hallmark of theirs (gh)

** TAIWAN. Concurso "MI CAMISETA DE RTI" --- Estimado/a oyente: La Sección Española de Radio Taiwán Internacional organiza el concurso ¡MI CAMISETA DE RTI!. Para participar sólo tienes que hacer una camiseta de papel (origami) y mandarla antes del 31 de enero de 2012 (según el matasellos) a la dirección de correo postal:

RADIO TAIWÁN INTERNACIONAL

P. O. Box 123-199,
Taipei 11199
Taiwan R.O.C

La camiseta de origami no debe superar el tamaño de 21x30 centímetros, debe tener un diseño propio y creativo con algo representativo de tu país (banderas, paisajes, etc), además de llevar tu nombre completo en el reverso. Se sortearán 50 camisetas auténticas de RTI entre todas las creaciones de origami que lleguen a la emisora. ¿Manda tu camiseta de papel y gana tu camiseta de RTI! Atentamente,

Sección Española de Radio Taiwan Internacional

Nota: El origami, conocido en español como *papiroflexia*, es un arte japonés que está muy extendido por toda Asia Oriental. Con solo un poco de imaginación y técnica, un simple papel puede llegar a convertirse en una réplica en miniatura de algo real. Para hacer la camiseta de papel puedes consultar las instrucciones en el siguiente enlace:

<http://www.origami-resource-center.com/origami-shirt.html>
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, DXLD)

RTI'S PICTURE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION! --- RTI wants you to help us select the Picture of the Year, 2011! All you have to do is visit the Photos of the Day section on our web site and select the picture that you think best represents Taiwan in the year 2011.

How to Enter: Choose a photo and send us the date and caption, as well as one or two sentences explaining why you chose it.

Address: Please send your entry to rti@rti.org.tw
Deadline: Entries must be received by December 31st, 2011.
Winners: RTI will send souvenirs to three lucky winners!

Results: We will announce the results on our web site and in the January 10 edition of We've Got Mail! SOURCE: <http://bit.ly/va0A85>
(Via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD) RTI really wants contact (gh)

** TAIWAN. 15070, 14/Dec 0103, TAIWAN, SOH Xi Wang Zhi Sheng.
(TENTATIVE) In Chinese (listed). OM talk, at 0104 YL talk. At 0105 short music. At 0106 OM talk emphatically. Someone tune now? Weak signal (Jorge Freitas, Feira de Santana, Bahia, 12 14YS, 38 58YW, Brasil, Degen 1103 - All listening in mode of filter Narrow the 6 kHz, Dipole antenna with 16 meters - East / West, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15070 is one of the countless frequencies in Aoki for SOH with ~100-

watt nuisance transmitters, many of which are occupied by Firedrake.
``15070 SOH Xi Wang Zhi Sheng 2000-1700 1234567 Chinese 0.1 ND ? TWN
11955E2610N SOH b11`` Of course, SOH could put a big transmitter on
any of them at any time (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** THAILAND. Radio Thailand announcers --- It's always nice to
associate a face to a voice. In the past there were questions about
the validity of Radio Thailand's Amaraporn Rathavinij due to her name
containing "porn". She is a real person. See

<http://www.hsk9.org/english-staff.html>

Listening to an interesting and informative Radio Thailand broadcast
via Udon Thani, Thailand December 10, 2011 0000 UT 13745 kHz. 73,
(Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Dec 9, Manassas, Virginia, United States of
America, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

-porn is a common syllable in Thai/names, sometimes rendered as -pawn
instead. I assume this is entirely coincidental with Thailand's sex-
tourism business (gh, DXLD)

13745.00, Radio Thailand International, 0028-0035 Dec 10. Noted a
couple of females in English conversation until 0030 when World news
and financial news presented, all in English. "This is Radio Thailand
news". At 0040 an essay about Laos. This is followed by a program
called "Pedal Power". Comments about equipment needed when biking and
how to change a tire. Also what one needs for a biking trip such as a
bike computer or a long sleeve jersey. "Radio Thailand's news,
broadcasting from the Thailand's public relations department..." This
followed with sports news. The broadcast was clear and easy to
understand the broadcasters when they spoke English. The signal did
not have any fading and ended up being good the entire period (Chuck
Bolland, Clewsiton FL, Excalibur, 26N 081W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

9535, Radio Thailand, 2035-2047 Dec 11, man and woman announcer with
news in English. ID at 2040: ``You're listening to Radio Thailand
news.`` Promo announcement from Air Asia. Followed by International
Update. Bells at 2045 followed by opening of Thai language program
Fair.

9680, Radio Thailand, 1932-1959* Dec 12, man and woman announcers in
English with news. ID at 1939 followed by a couple of ads for power
company and insurance outfit. More IDs followed by Sports, Bells at
1959 followed by closedown announcements for this European Service,
Poor to fair.

13745, Radio Thailand, 0008-0032 Dec 12, usual man and woman announcer
with live news in English with several IDs: ``You're listening to
Radio Thailand news.`` Announcements for Bangkok Airways Cargo,

Department of Trade International Promotion, Air Asia and Hyatt Regency. Mention of The King and many wonderful things he has done. Apparent antenna change at 0029 when signal briefly lost but came back at slightly reduced level with Business Report. Fair to good (Rich D'Angelo, French Creek State Park DXpedition, PA, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B and an Eton E1, 500-foot wire essentially north for the RX-340 and 250-foot wire essentially northeast for the R-8B and a whip antenna for the E1, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** TIBET. 4820, 2040-2235 06.12, Xizang PBS, Lhasa, Tibet, Chinese ann, English songs e.g. "Don't cry for me Argentina" which I also heard from the same station on Oct 05 and Nov 02! 2100 non-stop Chinese songs, 2230 ID and news, 33333 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, on the AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire which survived another storm today, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

QSL: CHINA (TIBET), Tibet People's Broadcasting Station (Holy Tibet), 6130, full data Mountain City card in 549 days for initial report in English via eMail and follow-up with English Report and machine-translated Chinese cover letter with three IRCs via registered airmail. QSL received in 78 days after follow-up. Station was heard at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan on June 6 2010. Very nice QSL card. V/s illegible, but with station seal. No comment was given regarding the machine-translated simplified Chinese letter, so I can only imagine it must have been singularly atrocious (Al Muick, Whitehall PA USA, Dec 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [non]. 15503.11, 11/12 1255, Voice of Tibet, talks like reports, with live people "sounds", ID with music like hymn at 1300. Fair (not on my lists) (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, Excalibur Pro; ANT: T2FD di 15 metri; QTH: Milano citt , My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) One of many jumparound frequencies in this area, and usually obscured by jamming on -5 or -0 channels here (gh, DXLD)

** TURKEY. 5960, Dec 10 at 2301, VOT good and clear saying after the news will be a special program for Human Rights Day; and so it came at 2312. This is an off-week for the fortnightly 'DX Corner' anyway, so it should continue on Dec 17 and unless a further holiday interrupt, Dec 31.

9820, Dec 12 at 0625, this eastward TRT Turkish frequency with music is unusually sufficient, still better on the westward // 9700 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UGANDA. 4750: What appears to be Radio Dunamis is heard fairly regularly on 4750 kHz from about 1600 UT fade in with Afro music without any announcements. Trying to get some confirmation that it is

them, going past 1900 UT (Victor Goonetilleke, 4S7VK, Sri Lanka, DXplorer Dec 7 via BC-DX Dec 9 via DXLD)

Great reports! Try sending a tentative report to <sarah @ BibleVoice.org>, Bible Voice Broadcasting, part of the High Adventure Ministries of Canada - they are closely connected with Radio Dunamis - in fact they provide the technical support, I believe. In some earlier postings to them 2-3 years ago I corresponded with a Marty McLaughlin - she and her husband do a lot of short-term mission work in Uganda, including Radio Dunamis. I think Marty is still with Bible Voice, but Sarah would know that. The attached Newsletter from High Adventure has a short article on Dunamis and a picture of the site. Doesn't sound like the first place you would want to visit on a DX trip, unless you're into snakes! There's no way I can get R Dunamis from So. California with their operating hours, and it's a real challenge hearing them from even Australian or European Global Tuner sites (Bruce W. Churchill-CA-USA, DXplorer Dec 7 via BC-DX Dec 9 via DXLD)

Thanks a lot, Bruce. Very exciting. Mauno gave me an address last night, someone from Bible Voice, so I forwarded it to her. I don't think that was Sarah, but it has not been returned. I am one step from Uganda, all sea more or less and who else will be belting out Afro music on 4750 kHz at that time!!! I will send you an attachment separately, one minute clip for your interest.

I don't know whether you guys other than Vlad, Walt, Mauno have Perseus s/w installed. I keep my receiver on line when there are no thunderstorms and if I am sure something won't suddenly build up while I am sleeping! Thunderstorms here in the tropics usually start with a horrendous thunderbolt which kills any electronic equipment on line! And I can't afford to lose a once in a lifetime unit!!!! (Victor Goonetilleke, 4S7VK, Sri Lanka, DXplorer Dec 7 via BC-DX via DXLD)

** UNITED ARAB EMIRATES. Athmeeya Yatra Radio via Dhabbya, 9820 kHz, 10 Dec fair talk in presumed Pashto 1625, apparent signoff announcement by woman 1628, then distinctive flute melody to 1630* (Bruce Portzer, Seattle, WA, Winradio Excalibur, K9AY Antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Part of Gospel For Asia. GFA was recently mentioned in advertising some church funxion here, but nothing about radio (gh, Enid, DXLD)

** U K [and non]. 12095, BBC WS English news including an item about the Australian Labour Party's support of gay marriage, however, Prime Minister Julia Gillard promised to allow legislators a "conscience vote" on bills attempting to legalize gay marriage instead of requiring party members to vote the 'party line' & Shell Oil's decision to stop operations in Syria due to the political situation &

sanctions, etc. on "The World Today" In well 44+4+4+4 // 11860 from Oman in but weaker, also heard 11851.1 w/'wobbly' audio & very weak: 1+54+43 some sort of mixing product or image? Odd. 0400-0415 3/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

** U K. ENGLAND - IBRA / Radio Ibrahim via Woofferton, 12045 kHz, 10 Dec, good with Middle East music, 1728 announcement in Arabic promoting their website <http://www.me.radioibrahim.com> along with Radio Ibrahim ID (Bruce Portzer, Seattle, WA, WInradio Excalibur, K9AY Antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. New edition of Radio Stations in the UK PRESS RELEASE Dec 9 --- The new 2012 (23rd) edition of Radio Stations in the UK is now available from the British DX Club.

Radio Stations in the UK is a comprehensive 76-page guide to BBC, commercial, community and low power AM/FM services on MW and FM, with lists in frequency order and by station name. It includes transmitter power and site details, plus contact information and a new digital radio section. Frequencies are cross-referenced to help you find parallels. It comes with a separate guide covering Radio Stations in the Republic of Ireland.

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(via dxldyg via DXLD)

** U S A. DON'T LET VOICE OF AMERICA BROADCASTS GO STATIC

Voice of America (VOA), the jewel in America's public diplomacy effort abroad, is set to be streamlined. Some programs can be downsized. But VOA is in the national interest, especially as Russia, China, and Iran expand state-supported media. Cuts should be handled with care.
By John Hughes / December 12, 2011 --- Read the CSM story here
<http://www.csmonitor.com/Commentary/John-Hughes/2011/1212/Don-t-let-Voice-of-America-broadcasts-go-static>
(Alokesh Gupta,VU3BSE, New Delhi, dxldyg via DXLD)

Just a brief rehash of the current situation (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. NEWS RELEASE -- On November 25, 2011, the FLRA dismissed the Broadcasting Board of Governors exceptions to Federal Arbitrator George E. Marshall's decision in an arbitration over the failure to give priority to U.S. citizens in hiring for government positions.

Arbitrator Marshall in Washington, D.C. ruled that the Broadcasting Board of Governors has been violating federal law and the parties' Negotiated Labor Management Agreement by forcing U.S. citizens to be equally or better qualified than non-U.S. citizens in order to be hired.

Arbitrator George E. Marshall upheld provisions of the Smith-Mundt Act which states that foreign nationals (aliens) may be employed only when suitably qualified United States citizens are not available when job vacancies occur.

This ruling affects at least three current Voice of America employees and could impact hundreds of other U.S. citizens who were denied jobs at VOA for at least 20 years even though they were qualified, said Timothy Shamble, president of AFGE Local 1812 which is the designated bargaining representative for over 800 employees at the Voice of America in Washington, D.C., the Office of Cuba Broadcasting in Miami, FL and the Greenville NC transmitter station.

Arbitrator Marshall said the BBG and its predecessor Agency have been erroneously applying their own interpretation of the law.

This dates back to 1983 when VOA sought to change the restrictions on hiring non-U.S. citizens contained in the Smith-Mundt Act but Congress

declined to do so. The Agency applied the change anyway and their decision has finally caught up with them," said AFGE Local 1812 President Shamble.

"What we have wanted all along is for this Agency to follow the law and give priority to American citizens when hiring," said Shamble.

In the Matter of Arbitration between the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1812 and the Broadcasting Board of Governors; 66 FLRA No. 67.

For More Information Contact: Timothy Shamble, 202.382.7616. Room 1169, Cohen Building, 330 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20237 telephone: (202) 382-7616 fax: (202) 382-7615 afge1812@hotmail.com (AFGE Local 1812 news release via DXLD)

** U S A. NOT AN EMOTIONAL MATTER --- Recently the BBG has been planting the idea in the press implying that those who insist on the importance of maintaining a strong global shortwave radio presence are doing so not for rational reasons but rather for emotional reasons.

For example, in a recent article in CQ Weekly a member of the BBG was quoted as saying: "Yeah, there are people who are understandably strongly attached to the notion of shortwave. But we're trying to look at this in a non-emotional way."

This is not the first time we have seen Agency officials infer that those arguing for maintaining shortwave broadcasts are doing so based on emotions.

Those that have been pushing back against the efforts by the BBG, in all its incarnations, to eliminate the shortwave radio broadcasts, are doing so for very sound reasons:

1. Of all the broadcasting platforms available, shortwave remains the most difficult to interdict.
2. Shortwave radio broadcasting remains the most secure as the means of transmission, to all parts of the globe, can be located on U.S. soil.
3. There is a digital revolution in shortwave broadcasting and digital shortwave transmissions can also be used to transmit video.
4. Listeners to shortwave radio broadcasts can do so using inexpensive receivers, in private, with no additional costs other than cost of electricity. Batteries can be used in the absence of a source of electricity.

5. This Agency has no realistic hope of dominating any other platform other than shortwave broadcasts.

These are just some of the very rational arguments for keeping the Voice of America shortwave radio broadcasts.

Perhaps, the ones being emotional are the Board members and their staff who have become emotionally attached to a failed strategic plan. The Board refuses to change course despite all the arguments above and the evidence that their strategic plan has failed in significant ways (AFGE Local 1812 News & Views, Fall 2011, with many more articles from the labor union point of view, <http://www.afge1812.org/NewsAndViewsFall2011.pdf> via DXLD)

** U S A. THE BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS: SIX MINUTES TO ARMAGEDDON --- By The Federalist on 12 December 2011 in Analysis, Featured News, Hot Tub Blog, The Federalist with No Comments

VOA building in Washington, D.C. by The Federalist [caption]
[author The Federalist is nom de anonymous writer here, not quoting some other publication by that name, I think]

In an agency with a runaway reputation for being dysfunctional, the inside-the-Cohen-Building leader has to be the Persian News Network (PNN).

PNN is supposed to be one of the agency's marquee operations, broadcasting to Iran. In reality, it is a service that is ripped apart by internal staff dissension, factionalism, out-of-control personalities and increasingly poor management.

Generally, the factions break down along three fault lines: pro-monarchists (supporters of the deposed Iranian royal family), pro-reformists (what some would label i'pro-democracy') and those who support engagement with the regime in Tehran.

Iranians are proud and intelligent people. They know their place in history. They have strong views and are capable of articulating those views with great emotion. They are also a very savvy ethnic group inside the United States with the capacity to exercise substantial clout in Washington's centers of power: Capitol Hill, various think tanks and the media. They know the political game and play it very well.

Gone are the simpler days of the Voice of America's (VOA) Farsi Service, a radio-only operation set up following the fall of the royal government and the establishment of the Iranian theocracy. Ramping up to include television broadcasts, the successor PNN service has become

unwieldy, unfocused and poorly directed.

In one of the more demonstrative examples of how bad things are inside PNN, one of its program hosts went on an off-the-air tirade that resulted in colleagues ushering the individual out of the Cohen Building ñ no doubt before the Office of Security could arrive on the scene and do the same. Accounts vary as to the person's performance. Some have him engaged in an abusive verbal rant in which the F-bomb was used disruptively, loudly and liberally. Other accounts have the individual either shoving or launching a chair, in addition to the abusive language. Some accounts suggest this lack of self control and unprofessional deportment has surfaced previously.

This is one example of the manner in which professional standards of conduct have deteriorated inside PNN adding to the agency's already earned and deserved reputation for being a hostile work environment, one of the worst places to work in the Federal Government. . .
<http://www.usgbroadcasts.com/bbgwatch/2011/12/12/the-broadcasting-board-of-governors-six-minutes-to-armageddon/>
(BBG Watch blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

**** U S A. NEW VOA DIRECTOR THREATENED TO RESIGN IN AN APPARENT DISPUTE WITH THE BBG --- By BBGWatcher on 14 September 2011**

A demonstration against censorship by the BBG of VOA programs to Ethiopia. [caption]

Welcome to the BBG, David.

In a meeting with staff of Voice of America's Central News Division, new director David Ensor told VOA employees that within the first five weeks on the job he had already threatened to quit once.

I really am going to try and consolidate us with the others in every way we can, end duplication and go forward and leave it in a better shape than it is today. But I have to be able to quit in anger.

Ensor told the Central News Division employees that there will be painful cuts, including layoffs under a restructuring plan that the Broadcasting Board of Governors wants to implement. Ensor did not go into details about a proposed RIF (Reduction in Force) but said I'm going to fight like hell to minimize cuts, adding that in national security we're [VOA] a cheap date.

He also pledged to defend VOA specifically against cuts he said would weaken the organization, which he and other officials say will retain its brand and be the core of a radical restructuring that will focus news gathering coordination in a new VOA-led coverage operation in

Washington.

BBG chairman Walter Isaacson is directing an effort to create a new Global News Network. The plan calls for combining radio, television and Internet news gathering and targeting key audiences around the world, particularly in areas of the most urgent national security interests.

We doubt that this effort will actually eliminate waste or reduce duplication, especially on the executive and administrative side, which is what the BBG executive staff cares most about.

Keep in mind that some of the BBG executives and many of their friends and associates have close connections to the surrogate broadcasters. Some of them move back and forth between federal BBG jobs and highly-paid executive positions at the surrogate broadcasters, collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars in salaries, retirement benefits and other perks. The idea of eliminating these jobs at the semi-private BBG entities is a non-starter. We can safely say that their future is secure. . . .

<http://www.usgbroadcasts.com/bbgwatch/2011/09/14/new-voa-director-threatened-to-resign-in-an-apparent-dispute-with-the-bbg/>

(BBC Watch blog via DXLD)

** U S A. DEATH OF VOICE OF AMERICA LEGENDARY RADIO HOST PAT GATES LYNCH --- By BBGWatcher on 08 December 2011 [with a nice portrait]
<http://www.usgbroadcasts.com/bbgwatch/2011/12/08/death-of-voice-of-america-legendary-radio-host-pat-gates-lynch/>

Celebrated Voice of America Breakfast Show host Pat Gates Lynch died after a struggle with cancer Sunday at her home in Fort Belvoir. From the mid-50s until 1969, Pat served for about 15 years as host and interviewer on the VOA Worldwide English Breakfast Show, which drew significant audiences around the world that even surpassed at times those of jazz impresario host Willis Conover. She interviewed presidents, prime ministers and many famous figures in the arts and music during those years.

After VOA, Pat served as First Lady Pat Nixon's press aide for radio and television from 1969 until 1974, and later was U.S. ambassador to Madagascar in the 1980s. After returning home from her post in Africa, she became Director of Corporate Affairs at RFE/RL headquarters in Washington, retiring from that job in the late 1990s.

Pat Gates Lynch wrote a book on her experiences, *iThanks for Listening: High Adventures in Journalism and Diplomacy*, i Countinghouse Press, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, 2008. Of that book, former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote in the introduction: *iThis is*

a story full of life, of people, of a woman who created a splendid career for herself at a time when women were seldom heard as broadcasters. The story is a reaffirmation of the progress of women in this country over the past fifty years. It is a story I enjoyed.î (BBG Watch blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

** U S A. 5890, VoA Greenville, heard with Spanish programming about world journalism at 0118 UT on 13 December 2011. SINPO 55544. Hoping to get their QSL direct as discussed earlier in DXLD. They're only 365 miles "down the road" from me, but after the appeal for reports direct, I kinda feel obligated. ;-) (Al Muick, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, USA, WinRadio G303e, Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop (oriented N-S), Accesory: Hoka Code 300-32 Demodulator v3.08, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Martî QSL from Greenville --- RADIO MARTI via GREENVILLE, NC, 6030. Full-data (except no mention of Radio Martî), Greenville antennas card in 1 week for a report sent to: Voice of America Transmitting Station, 3913 VOA Site "B" Road, Grimesland, North Carolina 27837-8977. V/S (first name illegible) M. Daily, Chief Engineer. Thanks to those who posted the info that Greenville would now verify direct reports (Wendel Craighead, Prairie Village, Kansas, USA, Dec 8, Cumbre DX via DXLD) i.e. originally in DXLD (gh)

Hi, Wendel, The name you couldn't read easily on the QSL is: Macon Dail. I would also like to reiterate that VOA Site B (Greenville) would love the direct reports. Cheers, (Thomas Witherspoon, <http://swling.com/blog/ibid.>)

** U S A [and non]. 7290, Dec 14 at 0558, thought I heard ``QSL card`` mentioned in unknown language, an AM ham? No, a broadcaster, and at 0559 ``The Voice of America`` jingle in English, sign-off from ``Washington``. It's really Kurdish, 100 kW, 105 degrees via Biblis, GERMANY at 05-06.

7390, Dec 8 at 1400, VOA Washington ID in funny Chinese, no jamming audible vs VG signal. Ergo must be Cantonese: yes, scheduled 13-14, 250 kW, 279 degrees from Tinian, switching at 14-15 to 250 kW, 332 degrees from Tinang, PHILIPPINES. The ChiCom don't consider Cantonese broadcasts worth jamming, for some strange reason, unlike Mandarin, Tibetan, Uighur, Uzbek.

7545, Saturday Dec 10 at 2250, VOA Spe-cial Eng-lish talk about Ralph Waldo Emerson, including being unwelcome at Harvard Divinity School, suspected of not being a believer. 2257 outro as `People in America` series. HFCC shows this daily 2230-2300, 250 kW, 359 degrees from Udorn, THAILAND (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9760, Dec 10 at 1506, VOA English Teaching is either quite undermodulated, or is blotted by a stronger S9+25 open carrier, also with some hum. I could turn volume up to max and hear it at adequate non-distorting level, // 7520 Tinang which was normally modulated. Since 1500 is another unnecessary site-switch time for VOA English on 9760, from Thailand to Philippines, both transmitters could be on the air, altho would expect 21 degrees from Tinang to exceed 300 degrees from Udorn. BTW, China has finally got off 9760, no longer colliding with VOA after 1300, instead on 9765.

9760, Dec 12 at 1547, VOA Special English talk about violinist Itzhak Perlman; big signal, but also with humbuzz and undermodulation. Now I am leaning toward this being a defect in the IBB Tinang, PHILIPPINES transmitter itself rather than another carrier atop (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also PHILIPPINES

15590, Dec 9 at 1354, ``Buenos Días, América`` is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary on VOA with a special show from 1330; all three frequencies heavily jammed by Cuba, tnx a lot, Arnie! But 15590 has better s/n ratio than 13750, 9885. VOA jingles, mentions ``50 años en el Éter`` tho the etheric medium was overlooked in VOA PR release the day before about this. This is a salute from longtime affiliate R. Carve in Uruguay, no doubt the last of many more earlier in the show. 1356 VOA announces its shortwave frequencies, plus jingles, singing IDs in English, ``direct from Washington``. Asking for recuerdos from oyentes if they have any recordings or ephemera of the early years; show webpage
<http://www.voanews.com/spanish/programs/radio/45706177.html>
has link to audio of this latest show, i.e.
http://www.voanews.com/mp3/voa/latam/span/SPANISH_BUENOSDIAS.mp3
which may be up until Monday morning and no further? I am escuching it unjammed while compiling this report. No news this time.

** U S A [non]. KUWAIT, MARIANA ISLS, SAIPAN, TAJIKISTAN, UAE
RFA Tibetan registered
0600-0700 17515TJK 17715KWT 21625TIN 21695UAE
heard on 17515TJK, 17715KWT, 21490TIN, 21655TIN, !also21685TIN, and 21695UAE, but not on 21625TIN/21640TIN, Dec 14 at 0625 and 0655 UT.

RFA Mandarin registered
0300-0700 11980TJK 13710TIN 15150TIN 15665SAI 17880TIN 21540TIN
1xhopping: 15150/21450/21465/21480/21495/21510/21525

heard on 11980TJK, 13710TIN, 15150TIN, 15665SAI, 17880TIN, 21540TIN kHz, Dec 14 at 0625 and 0655 UT. And all accompanied by China Mainland jamming (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 2010, WSCR (presumed), IL Chicago (3 x 670 harmonic) carrying the Northern Illinois Univ. football game PBP -- off abruptly 0120-0127* & back on re-check at 0210 with same PBP & mention of NIU. This only logical choice and it fits with their format so 90% sure. 35433, 3/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD) Also reported in 11-49

** U S A. 3060, WCKY 1530 Cincinnati, 3-Dec 0430, G AM, 1st [sic] harmonic, U of Louisville sports. 1530 also good signal (Jack Amelar, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD) Also reported years ago. Is this harmonic always outgoing, or only when out of whack? (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. 25910/NBFM, WQGY434 Forth Worth [sic] TX; studio relay BOOMING in with Halftime show & mention of "TCU (Texas Christian University I presume) Sports Network into a LONG ad block with ads for American Airlines, Frost Bank (Put your money into cold storage? :) & for a Ft Worth Kia dealer. WBAP ID at :08 with mention of going back to "Horned Frog Football" (they swallowed the suffix so it sounded like HORN frog) HORNED FROG? Really? Is that the best mascot they could come up with? Long Horn cattle, sure. Wild cats, sure. Friendly aquatic mammals, I can get that too. But amphibians with bumpy heads? Really... :) I guess I just don't get the football mentality! 2104-2109 3/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

25910, WBAP Fort Worth [sic], TX, studio-transmitter link [sic]. FM Modulation heard at 1919 UT on 12 December 2011 with traffic and weather reports, local news and radical right-winger Rush Limbaugh's syndicated show. SINPO 45533

25990, KSCS Arlington TX, studio-transmitter link [sic]. FM modulation, heard at 1901 UTC on 12 December 2011 with lots of local commercial announcements and country music with a female DJ. SINPO 45533 (Al Muick, Whitehall, Pennsylvania, USA, WinRadio G303e, Wellbrook ALA1530P active loop (oriented N-S), Accesory: Hoka Code 300-32 Demodulator v3.08, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 11-49: ``25 and 26 MHz STL's [sic] --- I know many of us in the NE USA have heard KSCS and WBAP. I was surprised to see this list showing others that may exist. Bill
[snip] 25870 0000-2400 USA WFLA Tampa, FL E USA``

Please, the facts: this one has been inactive for probably 10 years. It used to transmit from a dipole atop the Clear Channel cluster building on Gandy Blvd., Tampa (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida, USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, Dec 11, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. WORLD OF RADIO 1594 monitoring: confirmed Thursday Dec 8 at 2200 on WTWW 9479, excellent signal. Also from 2229.5 on WBCQ 7490, but with heavy BBC QRM, co-channel from Thailand almost as strong. This clash varies from day to day, but today grayline propagation from E Asia was working very well on this signal aimed USward. (WOR was also interrupted at 2235 for a few notes of Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, pause, and resumed.)

Meanwhile, 7505 remains empty, as WRNO has been off the air for more than a year but ties up the frequency. I can't seem to persuade Allan to consider a frequency change, even tho BBC co-channel collision affects all other programming in the 22-24 UT period, not just WOR.

More WORLD OF RADIO airings:

On WRMI 9955: Sat 0900, 1600, 1830, Sun 0900, 1630, 1830, Mon 1230.

On WTWW 5755: UT Sun 0500

On WBCQ 5110v-CUSB: UT Mon 0330 [maybe; as last week]

On HLR 5980: Tue 1030

Also on SiriusXM 120: Sat & Sun 1830, Sun 0930

7490, Dec 9 at 2230, amid 'Behaviour Night' early music, WBCQ is well atop co-channel BBCWS via THAILAND, unlike 24 hours earlier during WORLD OF RADIO; them's the breaks as long as WBCQ does not go to a clear frequency like 7505, occupied by the imaginary WRNO. For those who have not yet heard this week's WOR 1594, let me recommend UT Sunday 0500 on WTWW 5755.

WORLD OF RADIO 1594 monitoring: 5755, UT Sunday Dec 11 at 0500 confirmed on WTWW, but signal is weakening here as winter-night MUF plunges/skip lengthens; this happens some nights but not always. Occasional 'running-water' QRM. Latest Area 51 schedule for this weekend at <http://www.worldmicroscope.com> does not show WOR to be aired this Sunday night, as it was last week at 0333 UT Monday on WBCQ 5110v-CUSB; unless there is another last-minute change.

Remaining WRMI 9955 times: Sunday 1630, 1830, Monday 1230.

Hamburger Lokalradio, Germany, 5980: Tuesday 1030

Sirius/XM 120: Sunday 1830

Full schedule including more webcasts:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html>

On demand:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

Podcasts via WRN are also available

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see INTERNATIONAL INTERNET

** U S A. 7490, WBCQ had been ``observing the Sabbath`` --- really off

the air on Saturdays due to lack of business (and a few shows which had been on Sat were shifted to Sunday months ago). But Dec 10 at 2201, 7490 is on with gospel rock, ripple QRM from BBCWS Thailand. 2202 ID as Radio 211.com, 'I Sing Radio', i.e. another Good Friends Radio Network program, but not // 9330-CUSB which is already bought out 23 hours a day (and lately not propagating overnight). Still such music at 2318. This has already been entered on the WBCQ online schedule for 7490, showing it runs all the way from 2000 Saturday to 0500 UT Sunday (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9330-CUSB, Dec 12 at 0616, open carrier/dead air from WBCQ when GFRN is supposed to be on overnight; same at 0628, but back in business around 1400 check. This happens so much that I am beginning to wonder if it's deliberate, like no longer 24h GFRN but WBCQ leaves the carrier on all night to keep it from icing up? Rechecking the 9330 sked at <http://schedule.wbcq.com/main.php?fn=sked&freq=9330> on Dec 12, it still shows GFRN 24 hours, except M-F 23-24 'Money Talk', which is also on 7490.

9330-CUSB, Dec 13 at 0635, not only no modulation, but no signal from WBCQ, despite Cairo-9305, Bulgaria-9400, BBC-9410 audible, and good signal from WTJC-9370. But at 0704 recheck, WBCQ is back on 9330 with GFRN, and stronger than 9370 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15420, WBCQ with "Aggressive Christianity" whacko with a sing-song delivery from an androgynous -- WEIRD stuff! Their website <http://www.aggressivechristianity.net/> figured prominently in the broadcast (why a sect that claims television is un-Godly & thus not appropriate believes the Internet is OK is somewhat of a mystery to me but whatever...) I predict we will be hearing more about these folks on the 11 o'clock news. Started out 354+44 but down to 1+5433 by end of my monitoring. 2150-2200 2/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

15420.040, 11/12 1815, WBCQ The Planet, Monticello, [Maine], USA, sermon by woman, carrier modulated only in the upper side, transmitter drifting, fair (Giampiero Bernardini, Milano, Italia, Excalibur Pro; ANT: T2FD di 15 metri; QTH: Milano citt , My SW blog: <http://radiodxsw.blogspot.com/> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

There are several Monticellos in the USA, of which the one in Maine is minor, of international reput  only tnx to WBCQ. Attention, non-Americans: The state is necessary when referring to any city except perhaps those over a million (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

15420.020-usb mode, WBCQ The Planet, Monticello, at 1845 UT on Dec 13,

noted with sermon by female pastor - in a real civilized manner - compared to Brother Stair roar -... S=7-8. Deep fades (Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 3195, WWRB Manchester TN (presumed); 0415-0424+, 9-Dec; English gasping preacher (or possibly a preaching gasper) -- exhausting to listen to. S30 sig with muted audio (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

That would be the one from Anderson SC, amen and amen, just before WORLD OF RADIO UT Fridays. I notice the webcast repeats him at 0500; does it ever repeat WOR? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9990/5085, WTWW-2, still nothing heard, but the spurs at plus/minus 12-13 kHz intervals discovered during the test a few weeks ago, have finally been fixed. George McClintock updates Dec 9: ``To get rid of the spurs, we had to take the synthesizer and move it away from the screen voltage supply filter.`` Continental personnel are now at WTWW working on a few other minor problems before regular service can begin, target date still not set, but will be another full-time religious broadcaster.

12105, Dec 10 at 2200, no signal from WTWW-3, still missing at 2317. WTWW-1 on 9479 as usual, and WTWW-2 on 9990 still pending. 12105, Dec 11 after 1400, WTWW-3 is back on in usual AraBible instead of scheduled Russian, having been off the air 14+ hours earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11715.0, KJES on channel for a change with Robo-Young woman & young man (they were NOT kids!) reading the Bible but with lots of people mumbling in the background -- it almost sounded like mosquitoes buzzing. Odd even for them. 1432-1437 3/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

11715-, Dec 10 at 1519, KJES with English catechisms, slightly on the lo side toward 11714.9, but closer to on-frequency than usual. I wonder if 15385 is too.

15385.4, Dec 10 at 1947 in usual mindless/mind-numbing programming, very good signal from KJES NM, pretty far off frequency, checked after hearing them within an amazing 0.1 kHz of 11715 earlier today (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11714.78V, NEW MEXICO, KJES, Our Lord's Ranch, Vado. 1551 December 13, 2011. Crazy cult scripted reading by man and his repeatedly revered Yahweh. Strong, slightly variable (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Winter B-11 of WEWN Global Catholic Radio:

English [spurry transmitter +/- 9, 18, even 27 kHz]

0000-0300 on 11520 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to N&ME

0300-0600 on 11520 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to WeEU

0600-0900 on 11520 EWN 250 kW / 085 deg to WeAF

0900-1200 on 9390 EWN 250 kW / 335 deg to SEAS

1200-1500 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to N&ME

1500-1800 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to WeEU

1800-2400 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 085 deg to WeAF

Spanish [OK transmitter]

0000-1000 on 11870 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to Caribbean

1000-1700 on 12050 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to Caribbean

1700-2400 on 13830 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to Caribbean

Spanish [squealy transmitter]

0000-0500 on 5810 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to Mexico

0500-1300 on 7555 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to Mexico

1300-1800 on 11550 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to Mexico

1800-2400 on 12050 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to Mexico

(DX Mix News 13 Dec via DXLD)

** U S A. 13570, WINB Red Lion PA (I love that city name!) with Bible bumping about how God has the "Legal Authority" to condemn you to eternal damnation. I though part of being God was that you didn't give two hoots about 'legal' authority. You know, Give to Caesar what is Caesar's & all that? I guess I don't get it. BC ended at :58 & they then went into a full legal ID and advise that they would be switching to 9625 'in a few moments' & played the Star Spangled Banner (except for the last two notes!) to carrier off. In OK 3+544+4 2135-2159* 3/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

** U S A. 15550/usb, WJHR Milton FL with preacher expounding in great detail about the deeper meaning of the parable of the prodigal son (his take on it is that God forgives people who ask for forgiveness. Such deep thought!) interrupted abruptly at the ToH for a real ID including mention of call & email address WJHR@USA.com then back to the preacher. 354+4+4 1642-1700 3/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

** U S A. I was on my older Realstic DX-160 looking for 4840 on Dec 7, and I heard what sounded like a very good send-up or 'channeling' of Peter Finch in 'Network'! It was contemporary, though, and political. For the longest time I had thought it was in fact InfoWars.com, but when it started to fade away, as it turned out, 4840 was just gone. There was no 4840 for hours, from about 10 pm, maybe. What was that unusual transmission? The monologue went on, and on and was mesmerizing, and very well done. Thanks ('RL', Blkl., OK 74631 [Blackwell], Dec 8 by p-mail, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

You'll have to ask WWCR to be sure, but their schedule does show InfoWars with Alex Jones, UT Tue-Sat 0300-0700 on 4840. If it wasn't him, maybe a guest host? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. WWCR DRM Broadcast on December 10
by National Association of Shortwave Broadcasters on Thursday,
December 8, 2011 at 7:02am
<http://www.facebook.com/notes/national-association-of-shortwave-broadcasters/wwcr-drm-broadcast-on-december-10/323429791020140>

A special 30-minute edition of "Ask WWCR," hosted by Brady Murray and Jerry Plummer of NASB member WWCR in Nashville, will air at 1930 UT Saturday, December 10 on 7590 kHz in DRM digital mode, beamed to Europe from a 100-kw transmitter in Armenia. The program is part of the weekly "DRM Mix" block sponsored by Spaceline of Bulgaria which runs from 1800-2100 UTC on the same frequency. In this special program, Brady and Jerry will present a profile of WWCR, its history, programming and personnel, as well as some information about other privately-owned shortwave stations in the United States (via Alokesh Gupta, dxldyg via DXLD)

Captured 7590 kHz between 1755 to 2120 UT on December 10, 2011 hoping for something during the DRM mix block via Armenia. No go. Around 2030 UT did manage a 9.8 dB, but no DRM decode. 73, (Kraig, KG4LAC, Krist, Manassas, Virginia USA, ibid.)

** U S A. 6875, Dec 14 at 0613, RTI German relay instead of Spanish, Chinese talk mixed in to translate. Also very weak // signals on 6750 and 7000. Not sure if these are transmitted spurs, or caused by receiver overload from extremely strong fundamental, but I can't figure why they would show up at +/- 125 kHz in either case (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also TAIWAN [non]

15440, WYFR with milquetoast programming like "Visit with the family" where they interview a Family Radio listener & "Medical Moment" where a doctor talks about why vaccines are a good idea. Via Florida per Aoki 454+44 2200-2205 2/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

** U S A [non] Winter B-11 of WYFR Family Radio via BAB:
[jumbled? No, sorted by target area, then by time]

1700-1800 on 9430 WOF 250 kW / 102 deg to SEEu Turkish
1800-1900 on 9885 WOF 250 kW / 102 deg to SEEu Turkish

1700-1800 on 9530 SKN 300 kW / 110 deg to N&ME Arabic

1800-1900 on 9660 WOF 300 kW / 140 deg to NoAf Arabic

1900-2000 on 9685 DHA 250 kW / 260 deg to WeAf Hausa

1800-1900 on 11875 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to WCAf Igbo

1900-2000 on 11665 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to WCAf Yoruba

1900-2000 on 9705 MEY 250 kW / 340 deg to WCAf English

2000-2100 on 15520 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to WCAf English

2000-2200 on 15195 ASC 250 kW / 065 deg to WCAf English

1600-1800 on 17545 ASC 250 kW / 085 deg to CeAf English

1830-1930 on 17660 ASC 250 kW / 085 deg to CeAf French

1700-1800 on 6045 DHA 250 kW / 225 deg to EaAf Amharic

1700-1800 on 11975 WOF 250 kW / 128 deg to EaAf Somali

1800-1900 on 9895 DHA 250 kW / 230 deg to EaAf English

1900-2000 on 9805 MEY 250 kW / 019 deg to EaAf Swahili

1600-1700 on 6175 MEY 250 kW / 076 deg to SEAf Malagasy

1700-1800 on 5925 MEY 100 kW / 076 deg to SEAf French

1500-1600 on 21840 ASC 250 kW / 115 deg to SoAf English

1800-1900 on 5890 MEY 100 kW / 015 deg to SoAf English

1900-2000 on 3230 MEY 100 kW / 005 deg to SoAf English

1900-2000 on 9885 DHA 250 kW / 210 deg to SoAf English

1900-2000 on 3955 MEY 100 kW / 076 deg to SoAf Portuguese

1900-2000 on 5935 MEY 100 kW / 335 deg to SoAf Portuguese

1300-1400 on 17735 DHA 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Kannada

1300-1400 on 17810 DHA 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Telugu

1400-1500 on 9855 DHA 250 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Marathi

1400-1500 on 15520 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs Hindi

1400-1500 on 17810 DHA 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Tamil

1500-1600 on 11610 DHA 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs English

1500-1600 on 11995 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs English

1600-1700 on 11740 DHA 250 kW / 090 deg to SoAs English

1000-1200 on 9955 HBN 100 kW / 345 deg to EaAS Korean

1200-1300 on 17880 DHA 250 kW / 095 deg to EaAS Thai

Winter B-11 of WYFR Family Radio via MBR:

1700-1800 on 11690 WER 100 kW / 180 deg to NoAf Arabic

1800-1900 on 9840 WER 250 kW / 150 deg to NoAf Arabic

1900-2000 on 9500 WER 250 kW / 150 deg to NoAf Arabic

1900-2000 on 9695 NAU 500 kW / 207 deg to WeAf French

2000-2100 on 9515 NAU 250 kW / 210 deg to WeAf Arabic

2100-2200 on 6010 NAU 250 kW / 210 deg to WeAf Arabic

2200-2300 on 5960 NAU 250 kW / 210 deg to WeAf Arabic

1800-1900 on 11665 WER 500 kW / 180 deg to WCAf English

1900-2200 on 9925 WER 500 kW / 180 deg to WCAf English

2000-2100 on 9595 NAU 500 kW / 180 deg to WCAf French

2100-2200 on 7305 NAU 500 kW / 180 deg to WCAf French

1600-1700 on 13660 ISS 500 kW / 125 deg to EaAf Oromo

1600-1700 on 15160 ISS 500 kW / 131 deg to EaAf Amharic

1700-1800 on 15160 ISS 500 kW / 131 deg to CeAf Swahili

1800-1900 on 12140 WER 500 kW / 165 deg to SoAf English

1600-1700 on 11995 WER 250 kW / 125 deg to N/ME Arabic

1700-1800 on 9810 NAU 250 kW / 125 deg to N/ME Arabic

1600-1700 on 11955 NAU 500 kW / 105 deg to WeAs Persian

1700-1800 on 9800 NAU 500 kW / 095 deg to WeAs Persian

1400-1500 on 13605 WER 250 kW / 075 deg to CeAs Uzbek

1300-1500 on 17510 NAU 500 kW / 085 deg to SoAs Bengali

1400-1500 on 15315 WER 500 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Malayalam

1400-1500 on 15325 WER 500 kW / 090 deg to SoAs Oriya

1400-1500 on 13655 WER 500 kW / 090 deg to SoAs Sindhi

1500-1600 on 13655 NAU 500 kW / 105 deg to SoAs Kannada

1400-1600 on 13700 NAU 500 kW / 095 deg to SoAs Hindi

1500-1600 on 13630 NAU 500 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Gujarati

1500-1600 on 11935 WER 500 kW / 090 deg to SoAs Tamil

1500-1600 on 15470 WER 500 kW / 090 deg to SoAs Marathi

2200-2400 on 9465 GUF 500 kW / 215 deg to SoAm Spanish

2200-2400 on 7360 GUF 500 kW / 170 deg to SoAm Portuguese

0000-0100 on 7360 GUF 500 kW / 170 deg to SoAm English

0000-0100 on 7395 GUF 500 kW / 215 deg to SoAm English

(DX Mix News 13 Dec via DXLD)

** U S A. 560, Dec 10 at 0550 UT, tail end of 'Jim Bohannon Show' on one of his original stations, KWT0 Springfield MO, guest Willie Geist with some funny stuff; when that fades, also audible on 600 WMT Cedar Rapids. Also found still on 690, presumed KGGF Coffeyville KS, but more QRM there. Glad to find Jimbo still on a few audible stations here, since local KGWA 960 dropped him a few years ago. But now it's easier to hear Jimbo on demand via

<http://www.jimbohannonshow.com/programhighlights>

Go to Dec 09 and the three-hour show autolaunches, minus all the commercials and breaks so it lasts only two hours. Advance player

timer to 1:20 for the start of the third hour with Geist:

``If you get up early enough (5:30 am Eastern Time [1030 UT]) and flip on MSNBC, you'll get a look at the news from a kind of skewed perspective on the program 'Way Too Early with Willie Geist'. In addition to his own show, Geist also co-hosts MSNBC's early morning chat fest 'Morning Joe', with Joe Scarborough and Mika Brzezinski.

And now, Geist has taken his unusual way of looking at things and written a book about some important events in America - that never actually happened. The book is "American Freak Show: The Completely Fabricated Stories of Our New National Treasures" (published by Hyperion). In it, the real-life characters who now dominate the 24-hour news cycle are cast as stars in completely made-up scenes that are eerily not far from reality.`` Such as Pres. Palin delivering her inaugural address at WWF and refusing to be sworn in by a Washington-insider, C.J. Roberts (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 570, Dec 8 at 1321 UT, something in the null of KLIF is talking about New Mexico: ilovecruces.com for ``everything local`` [I thought, but no such or similar website found], NM lottery, ergo KSNM, which should be on PSRA of 250 watts instead of 155 at nite, not 5000 at day, which it sounded like, all non-direxional. December official sunrise is not until 1400 UT; January, 1415.

This station was originally KGRT, ``K-Great``, until Oct 2, 2000; KGRT now applies to their FM ``104``. KSNM drives away listeners with a brain, since its big talkers are Glenn Beck and Lou Dobbs, plus Fox news per <http://ksnm570.am> even tho it is hardly in Armenia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 11-49, 810, KGO San Francisco format change: No, Gil Gross' KGO show was local. He already has something new lined up and will announce it soon (David R. Alpert, [dra @ pipeline.com](mailto:dra@pipeline.com) (818) 588-NEWS, Twitter: @DaveAlpert Web sites: <http://www.davidralpert.com> <http://www.newsjunkiepro.com> <http://www.SoCalNewscenter.com> DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WOSU-AM 820 takeover --- Glenn, 820 will be silent for at least Three days. The unofficial sign on (IF all goes well) of WVSG will be Dec. 17, official date, again if all goes well, will be Dec. 20, 2011.
<http://stgabrielradio.com/>
(Artie Bigley, Columbus OH, Dec 13, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

Hi Artie, Thursday is still their day. We will go silent Wednesday at 9 am (Alysia Gobert-Smith, Audience Advocate, WOSU Public Media, 614-688-4355, Dec 13, via Bigley, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

From above website checked Dec 14:

On Tuesday, December 20th at 5 p.m., St. Gabriel Catholic Radio will have a special edition of "The Local Spotlight Show" with Mary Ann Jepsen. It's during this broadcast, at 6 p.m., that St. Gabriel Catholic Radio will be moving to its new, permanent home on AM 820!

This new AM 820 signal is much stronger and will reach parishes in Columbus and the suburbs both day and night.

Catholic Radio AM 820 will reach up to Lake Erie in the north and almost to Portsmouth in the South which means that Springfield, Marysville, Marion, Newark, Lancaster, and Circleville will now receive our signal!

So, set AM 820 as your preset and enjoy inspirational Catholic programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week starting December 20th (via gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD) With a countdown clock at 6+ days

I wonder if WOSU is the longest single owner radio station in the nation as I write this? I know they are the oldest continuously broadcasting station in Columbus and among the oldest continuously broadcasting stations in the nation. Top 5 or 10 I believe (Del Griffith, radioinfo.com via Bigley, DXLD)

That's an interesting question. As WEA0, it signed on in April 1922. That puts it after KDKA and WBZ, which have remained under consistent ownership since 1920 and 1921, respectively. (Yes, the name of the licensee has changed, but remember that in 1995 it was Westinghouse buying CBS and taking the CBS name, not the other way around.)

WBAA at Purdue goes back to early 1922 and has never changed owners, ditto for WGAZ/WSBT South Bend, which has been in the hands of the South Bend Tribune/Schurz family since early 1922. Then there's WHA Madison, which has been in the hands of the University of Wisconsin since 1921. WLB/KUOM Minneapolis (U of Minn.), WOI Ames (Iowa State College/University) and WHAA/WSUI Iowa City (U of Iowa) also go back to 1922.

It's safe to say that WOSU(AM) was one of the ten oldest stations in the country still in the hands of its original owner (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

Earlier story about WOSU's anti-AM evolution:

AM proves to be a hard sell, even for news radio
Published in Current, Aug. 9, 2010, By Karen Everhart

In Columbus, Ohio, WOSU is moving its full-time news service to 89.7 FM after its all-news AM station failed to attract pubradio listeners. The station at Ohio State University hasn't given up on having separate channels for news and classical music, [Map shows similar coverage areas for music and news with added FM station] however. It is expanding on the FM dial with the \$5.7 million purchase of a commercial station & adult alternative outlet WWCD, 101.1 MHz & to carry its classical service starting this fall. The other, more powerful FM signal & WOSU-FM, at 89.7 MHz & will switch from hybrid news/music to all-news. . .
<http://www.current.org/tech/tech1014-expansion-and-AM.shtml>
(via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. 890, Dec 14 at 1331 UT, just before LSR, in null of KTLR OKC, promo for employment@kggn.com in Kansas City, other ads; seems religious. NRC AM Log 2011-2012 shows KGGN as a 960-watt directional daytimer, COL Gladstone MO, ``Great Gospel Radio``. FCC pattern plot shows two-tower broad cardioid peaking 250 degrees with null toward WLS, no protection for OKC. Seems vaguely familiar: yes, I did log it 12.6 months ago as in DXLD 10-48 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WDEK-1170 slipped by KVOO and WWVA just before 9:00 ELT 12/14: "We're now on 24 hours" and "Classic ? music, boogie, blues, and smooth jazz. You're in the hot spot with WDEK eleven-seventy, The Deck." WWVA also heard briefly. Wonder who told THEM to go on "24 hours" a day? (Paul Swearingen, Topeka, NRC-AM via DXLD)

No wonder they try for 24/7 since the Atlanta FCC office sleeps while WAOS 1600 cheats all season and WDGR remains on 1210.4 and as a daytimer runs OC all night. 73 KAZ

Been hearing it here at Burnt River. Seems pretty blatant from the wording you cite...maybe they are testing the FCC's authority.
Saul Chernos

WDEK = ``The Deck``, 10 kW daytimer, 2.5 kW critical hours, Lexington SC (NRC AM Log via DXLD)

** U S A. 1200, Dec 8 at 1342, Spanish way over WOAI, ads mentioning Chicago, Debt-Stopppers at 773- phone number, which is one of Chicago's overlain area codes. So WRT0, 20 kW day in effect from their latest sunrise 1315 UT in Dec & Jan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1220, Dec 8 at 1337 UT, peppy S. Asian songs, hard to null, but finally seems roughly NNE/SSW, fading by 1341. Anyway must be the only ETHnic station listed anywhere on this frequency in NRC AM Log

2011-2012 as I have heard before: ``Hot Pepper 1220``, KZEE Weatherford TX, 1600 watt day power rather than PSRA of 8 watts which would have been in effect until official sunrise of 1330 in Dec and Jan.

Weatherford is west of Fort Worth in Parker County, but you know where the dough is, as KZEE is owned by Tarrant Radio Broadcasting, with main lobe toward Fort Worth; business addresses in Hurst and North Richland Hills on the other side of FW. Thus the Anglo Weatherfordians are deprived of any local AM radio service in order to rimshoot the Asian minority in the big Cowtown.

I was also hearing a weak off-frequency het on 1220, which has been identified by John Wilkins, CO, on 1219.84 as the only other Texan on 1220, KMVL Madisonville, which is on I-45 between Houston and Dallas, close to Prick Erry's death camp at Huntsville (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1330, Dec 10 at 1344 UT, KNSS Wichita dominant, has C&W music when nulled, fast SAH, but fading by 1346. Most likely KCKM, Monahans TX as previously logged, only format fit in the area (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KRSN DX Test! David and Gillian Sutton, owners of KRSN 1490, Los Alamos, NM have asked me to put together another DX test, now that they have their permanent antenna in place and are running a full 1000 watts.

I'm thinking sometime in January. What would be a good date or day to run the test? It will most likely have to run at midnight or the wee hours of the morning, so maybe I'll see if we can schedule it for a weekend when people don't have to get up for work in the morning.

Also, I'm thinking about including some morse code at 5kHz for those of you who can detect CW halfway between channels. I'll have to find out if the audio chain and transmitter can pass 5 kHz tones, though. Thoughts?? -- (Mike Westfall, Los Alamos, NM <http://mesamike.org> <http://www.facebook.com/mesamike> http://twitter.com/mesa_mike Dec 14, ABDX et al., via DXLD)

** U S A. 1530, Dec 8 at 1330, list of lunch menus for today at Eisenhower and other schools, a daily feature on KQNK --- i.e. Norton KS, up near the Nebraska line, which should be on PSRA of 500 watts before day power of 1000 is legal at 1400 UT in Dec and Jan. However, this daytime station has also been reported cheating at night for stupid ballgames, but I usually hear it around sunrise (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. ESPN Radio 1700 (1700 kHz 10 kW, over XEPE, Tecate, MÈxico) sent me a PFC QSL card after 64 days for my reception report with \$2. The QSL was sent from Broadcast Company of Americas, the owner and operator of 3 Mexican radio stations (XX Sports radio 1090, ESPN Radio 1700, and 105.7 FM) which serve the San Diego market. The QSL signer was Mr. Jack Cronin, Executive producer. Although the power is only 10 kW, ESPN Radio 1700 is very easily heard in Japan at the local evening hours. The 1700 kHz wave seems to propagate like shortwave across the Pacific. Address: 6160 Comerstone Court East Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92121, U.S.A. (Takahito Akabayashi, Japan, Dec 10, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Presumably Cornerstone, with the r and n run together to look like m in some font. That's quite a different SD address than in the WRTH 2011, page 273 for station BC02 (gh, DXLD)

** U S A. A speech by longtime public broadcasting newsman Bill Moyers is an inspirational experience for listeners (and readers), and his remarks at the American Public Television Fall Marketplace in Memphis last week are no exception. He calls for a reimagining of the system, from the stations up. Here's the transcript.

<http://www.current.org/pb/pb1122moyers-remarks.html>

(Current Nov 15 via DXLD)

** U S A. leftwingradiostations.com a tool for identifying DX

Guys, This is not to be taken as a political post. Honest to God it's just a way to identify DX. Should you happen to hear a station with left wing talk during your DXing session, leftwingradiostations.com has a listing of stations carrying these type programs and may help you identify your DX. Rush, Hannity, Savage and all the rest on the right have their affiliates on their websites so they are also a tool to identify DX. Please, no political comments, just mentioning a DX tool (Kevin Redding, TN, ABDX via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD)

Classified by state, click on each map. Ha, NONE IN THIS STATE: for OK and KS, and only one in TX: KPFT Houston, Pacifica. Three in NM: 1350 KABQ, 1260 KTRC, 1340 KVOT, which is about right, from what I understand. This site correctly does not list public radio stations as automatically ``left-wing`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 7284.912, Voice of Vietnam from 50 kW unit at Hanoi Me Tri site, 20 59 56.82 N 105 46 58.46 E

<<http://maps.google.de/maps?q=20+59+56.82+N+>

[+105+46+58.46+E&hl=de&l&sspn=19.752995,56.206055&vpsrc=6&t=f&z=19&ecpose=20.99949501,105.78296589,397.22,-1.363,0,0](http://maps.google.de/maps?q=20+59+56.82+N++105+46+58.46+E&hl=de&l&sspn=19.752995,56.206055&vpsrc=6&t=f&z=19&ecpose=20.99949501,105.78296589,397.22,-1.363,0,0)>

in Laotian received on remote SDR unit in northern Japan, S=9 signal. Hit heavily by CRI Beijing 500 kW powerhouse in Mongolian on exact even 7285 kHz frequency.

9839.878, Voice of Vietnam from Son Tay site on 57 degree antenna array, in Japanese language, carrier at 1400 UT, started with fanfare and Japanese identification at 1400.12 UT. Background even frequency US R Liberty Russian from Biblis-Germany \ 12019.310. ID in Japanese at 1414:30 UT, weak S=6 signal on remote SDR unit (Wolfgang B,schel, Dec 6, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 9 via DXLD)

7210.003, Voice of Vietnam in Vietnamese scheduled 2145-1700 UT noted before 0959! UT Dec 9, 20 kW non-dir from Daclac. From 0959 UT the 7210 channel suffers heavily by CRI English from adjacent 7215 500 kW Xian outlet, azimuth 354 degrees. Received on remote unit in CA-US. Also heard on remote units in JPN around 1040 UT S=5-6 level (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 9 via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. 9730, V. of Vietnam Hanoi-Sontay 2050-2103 Dec 12, English/French; W announcer with soundbites in (Presumed) Vietnamese with English translation; lite, jazz-like ballad; W announcer at 2057, cut off mid-sentence; IS at 2100 into French service; M & W announcers with news; fair at tune/in; booming signal after 2100 (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. ZNBC2. 6165, Lusaka. Dec 6, 2011, Tuesday. 0245-0335. At *0249 fish eagles change to anthem, and at 0250 OM with morning greetings followed by afro music / song. At 0300 over to "Daybreak Africa". At 0330 back to local programming, music and songs. Very rapid flutter and slight het caused by Chad; curses, they haven't completely gone after all. During the "Daybreak Africa" slot after 0300 I can hear weak Chad modulation in the background, not enough to be any real bother. But ZNBC1 on 5915 is better. Jo'burg sunrise 0308.

ZNBC2, 6165 Lusaka. Dec 9, 2011, Friday. 0214-0252. At 0214 the channel is occupied by Chad with afro music and songs in French, quite readable. At 0225 the Zambian carrier comes on with its 1 kHz sine wave, squashing Chad into the background. Chad is still there at 0235, now faint, very distorted and unreadable. But the sine wave is quite weak and fluttery, replaced by fish eagles at 0243, unfortunately at about the same level as the QRM from Chad so another morning of no entertainment value for ZNBC2.

Anthem at *0250, almost inaudible and mixed with afro music from the north. I give up at 0252. A still-dark and rainy morning but no lightning. Also, sunrise now getting later once again, the past week

having been its earliest of the year. ZNBC1 on 5915 is also very weak this morning, but at least its in the clear. Jo'burg sunrise 0309.

ZAMBIA / CHAD note added later, December 11: Although I haven't been logging the morning and evening transmissions of ZNBC2 daily (it gets monotonous) I have been monitoring both transmissions daily. They seem to have settled down into a routine of fast flutter and distorted modulation which is generally unpleasant or impossible (depending on propagation) to listen to. On the odd occasion it is quite readable and pleasant, but that is the exception. Since the evening transmission from Chad has long coincided with the evening transmission from Zambia without causing such interference, I remain convinced that Chad has also increased its output power, or possibly re-oriented its antennae, to coincide with the change to 24-hour broadcasting.

But Wikipedia confirms my impression that Chad is a beggar nation, so poor that it is considered by the Fund for Peace to be a "failed state". So I wonder where the money came from for such a frivolous change (or for 24 hour broadcasting, come to that)? (Bill Bingham, RSA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also CHAD

** ZIMBABWE [and non]. ZIMBABWE JOURNALISTS DECRY POOR ENGLISH ON ZBC

An article on the website of the Association of Zimbabwe Journalists says that the mutilation of the English language at the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation is now almost routine. There is a surfeit of what people call iShonglishî ñ English apparently translated directly from Shona, with disastrous results.

According to the article iMost people have stopped listening to ZBC, not only because its avowed function is now to spew out propaganda for Zanu PF, but also to display such a disregard for grammar [that] a number of parents are said to be considering barring their school-going children from listening to any of their news broadcasts on radio and television.î

Read the article: ZBC sinks to the bottom of the pile
http://www.zimbabwejournalists.com/story.php?art_id=7659&cat=4

Andy Sennitt comments: Sadly, ZBC is not alone in allowing standards of language to slip. Iíve seen lapses which would never have occurred when I learned English in the 1950s and 60s. I sometimes cringe at the misplaced subordinate clauses in news stories which can result in ambiguity, or even change the meaning of something. There have also been cases of on-screen graphics with horrendous spelling errors - one had ëdammingí instead of ëdamningí. Of course, we all make mistakes and nobody is perfect, but uncorrected errors seem to be passed on

from generation to generation, and I can only see the problem getting worse. I don't think this problem is confined to English, but as a major world language it is surely important that it is spoken and written so that it can be understood by everyone, and for that you need rules (December 13th, 2011 - 10:13 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

#1 Brian on Dec 13th, 2011 at 15:19

Have to agree Andy, and one of the biggest culprits has to be the BBC. I see multiple spelling mistakes daily on their news website and think it unacceptable for such a high profile international broadcaster to let this happen. Most of them are basic, sloppy mistakes and I wonder if they are using school-leavers to type the stuff. It has to be said that the standard of education, English and grammar in English schools is not good, no offence intended to English readers :-)

#2 Jonathan Marks on Dec 13th, 2011 at 16:45

I am afraid the Dutch government is rapidly dropping down the list too. Look at the speech of Foreign Minister Rosenthal. They must have fired all the native speakers.

<http://www.state.gov/secretary/rm/2011/12/178483.htm>

Meanwhile at <http://www.government.nl/> I note the top story goes back to the end of November, so clearly the Dutch government doesn't have much of a priority in explaining things in foreign languages.

The website that most English language journalists would check first, is in suspended animation.

<http://www.dutchgovernment.com/>

(Media Network blog comments via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 11610, CLANDESTINE (Zimbabwe), Radio Voice of the People via Madagascar, 0400-0422, Dec 8. man announcer with news in English with ID and frequency announcements at 0402 inviting listeners to iStay tuned. After a brief segment of instrumental music, news in a local language commenced. Several IDs as local languages continued to tune out. Fair (Rich DiAngelo, PA, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Trans-Pacific MW carrier search Dec 8 at 1326-1330 UT, on DX-398, 9 kHz steps with off-tuned BFO to recognize correctly-pitched very weak carriers: 612, 702, 774, 882, 1566, 1575. Today's LSR in Enid is 1330 UT, still latening until 1344 a month from now

UNIDENTIFIED. TP carrier search Dec 14 at 1335-1339 UT circa local sunrise. Extremely weak JBA ones detected on: 774, 792, 828, 882, 1008, 1422, 1494, 1566 (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 671.017, unID, DEC 5 0150, Off-frequency signal noted

over the past couple weeks, strongest on the south antenna, Cuba suspected but unable to separate audio from 670 kHz (Bruce Conti WPC1CAT, Nashua NH; WiNRADiO Excalibur, 7 x 19.5-m variable termination Split SuperLoop at 60 , 15 x 23-m variable termination north/south SuperLoop (NRC IDXD via DXLD)

I still hear the het from 671 most evenings when checked. It has already been identified by Terry Krueger as a R. Rebelde outlet. DF put it in central Cuba; see previous DXLDs (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1710, 0614-0630+, 9-Dec; Variety Spanish tunes--baladas to peppy tropicales; M in Spanish at 0625, but too much QRN. Fair peaks, USB helps. Slightly above 1710 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4405 kHz USB, 11 Dec, conversations in Russian 0740-0806+, probably from fishing boats somewhere in the north Pacific. Several men and at least one woman, all with good signals (Bruce Portzer, Seattle, WA, WInradio Excalibur, K9AY Antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Sabato 10 dicembre 2011, 0836 - 5990 kHz, Solo tracce di musica. Segnale insufficiente-nullo. Ci sono tre emittenti sugli elenchi B11, ma tra Cina, Etiopia e Brasile, anche se viene riportato un s/on alle 0850 ipotizzo pi' per il Brasile, perch  Corno d'Africa ed Estremo Oriente a quest'ora a Rapallo sono un po' poco probabili. In USA, tra l'altro, sulla lista dxld da Brian Alexander l'ho vista ascoltata con un s/on alle *0750*. Non   che la differenza di 1 ora dipenda da qualche cambio dell'ora in Brasile? (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6023, Dec 9 at 1453, suspicious carrier hetting 6025 RFA Cantonese via TINIAN, no to be jammed until Mandarin starts at 1500. Nothing in Aoki, Eibi or HFCC (of course). Perhaps a tribute to Avogadro's number, which since I first studied chemistry, has been refined closer to 6.022 x 10 to the 23rd (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6035, 1212-1231 Dec 13; On the Cumbre DX Facebook page, Alokesh Gupta posted that BBS-Bhutan was on the air from 1100 after an AIR engineer had worked on their transmitter; M & W announcer in unID language; "tinny" strings & wind instrument bit poking thru at 1218, 1221 & 1223; ballad at 1226 & talk at BoH; very poor under band noise with local sunrise well underway at my locale; probably PBS Yunnan-China but will definitely be monitoring this frequency from now on! Victor G. posted an nice audio clip, recorded after my monitoring, on the India DX Association Facebook page (Scott R. Barbour, Jr., Intervale, NH, NRD-545, MLB-1, 200i Beverages, 60m dipole, dxldyg via

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. RepetiÁ,,o do pedido de observaÁ,,o/escuta - Colegas brasileiros: Infelizmente, ainda n,,o consegui alguma resposta, ou coment·rio, ¤s 2 questies colocadas aqui no princpio deste m·s. Seria possvel uma observaÁ,,o nas QRGs indicadas nessa m/ mensagem (n.f 64277), ¤ qual anexeí duas gravaÁies de um Colega sueco? Obrigado de antem,,o. 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, Porgual, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

Carlos, tudo bem? Escutei as duas versies do registro. Pude notar uma voz feminina com uma narraÁ,,o compatível com a "melodia" do português do Brasil. Entretanto, o sinal est· demasiado fraco para uma identificaÁ,,o de minha parte.

PeÁo que colegas que possuem receptores com resoluÁ,,o da ordem de dezenas de hertz (SDR ou receptores de mesa), experimentem sintonizar a QRG informada por Carlos (6075,74). Com sorte, poderemos achar a portadora e identificar a emissora.

Carlos, o Renato publicou em seu blog uma lista de emissoras:
<http://pu2lzb.wordpress.com/2010/04/07/ondas-curtas-brasil-2/>

H· 2 emissoras em 6080 que penso estar ativas (ou estavam ativas até pouco tempo). N,,o seria estranho uma dessas emissoras deslocar alguns KHz para evitar conflito. Isso j· aconteceu com a prÓpria R. N. da Amazonia, que mudou-se de 6180 para 6185.

Estou sem receptor HF neste momento para varrer a banda. Infelizmete, n,,o posso opinar sobre a R FiladÉlfia. Acho que n,,o ajudei nem um tantinho, mas n,,o queria deix·-lo sem ao menos um retorno! (Huelbe Garcia, ibid.)

Caro Huelbe: Obrigado, de qq. forma, pela sua tentativa de ajuda. Passarei a informaÁ,,o acerca dos 6075v ao colega sueco, e continuarei na expectativa quanto a mais dados sobre a outra captaÁ,,o, em 6105, que talvez seja mesmo da R.Cult.™ FiladÉlfia, que também procurarei captar novamente. Bons DX e melhores 73 (Carlos GonÁalves, PORTUGAL, ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED [non]. 6550.0, Dec 8 at 0605, I am surprised to hear a broadcast here between the V. of the People clandestines, not yet jammed, on 6600 and 6518. 6550 definitely in Korean and not // to them. Nothing but woman talking monolog, except once in a while, another female voice interjects a comment. Strengthening a little by 0615, signal at least as good as the VOP channels. Lots of ``imnida`` at end of sentences, dead giveaway for Korean. Nothing listed on 6550 in Aoki, HFCC (of course) or EiBi. Another entry in the N/S Korean radio war, but what?? Or a new frequency for VOK/Pyongyang domestic?

Could be an harmonic of 3275, except nothing listed there either except PNG, and really too strong for a typical harmonic. Next check at 1402, nothing on 6550, while 6518 and 6600 were still audible.

Searching the last decade of DXLDs, 6550 appears only as one boundary of OTH radar, and in DXLD 10-15, a 1972 WRTH report of R. Peking using that frequency for English! (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Glenn, It seems to be MND Radio of the new version program by female. 6135 and 6230 kHz is a program by male. The station name announcement as ever neither (S. Hasegawa, Japan, Dec. 9, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See KOREA SOUTH for more and schedule

UNIDENTIFIED. 7295, Dec 13 at 0639, AM signal here not a broadcaster but a ham, with test counts, quick ID sounded like WB3TM or WB3TL but no hits for either on QRZ.com or ARRL.org. Please use fonetix? Algeria AM via France is currently on 7295 only at 05-06, to be extended to - 07 from Feb 26 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9610, Dec 9 at 1345-1347* fluttery open carrier, tone on and off. Nothing scheduled during this hour in HFCC, EiBi or Aoki, but the next occupant at 14-15 is CRI in Sinhala, 500 kW, 258 degrees from Jinhua 831 site (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9670, Dec 12 0618, tone test on and off and on. HFCC, Aoki and EiBi all have nothing at all on 9670 between 03 and 11 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Quando posso approfitto.. . Sabato 10 dicembre 2011, ...e pare che i segnali stamattina fossero gradevoli, almeno quelli che piacciono a me. Ma prima, per quanto riguarda 9705, questa mattina prima delle 0700 c'era una stazione che stava per aprire i programmi con un tono fisso di modulazione e rispetto all'Etiopia penso di pi' al Niger ma non ne ho certezza (Luca Botto Fiora, G.C. 09E13 - 44N21, Rapallo (Genova) - Italia, playdx yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11765, Dec 11 at 1525, fluttery open carrier. Checking HFCC, only thing scheduled is IBB, 250 kW, 103 degrees from Nauen, Germany to Caucasus at 15-16; followed by REE in Arabic/Spanish from Noblejas at 16-19.

REE apparently wooden, not listed in Aoki or EiBi, but they do have more info than HFCC. The Caucasus service is R. Liberty, daily 1500-1520 in Avar, 1520-1540 in Chechen, 1540-1600 Circassian. Probably was this with lost feed.

Then there's SRDA Curitiba, Brasil, supposedly 24 hours on 11765;

Sound of Hope has a jammed 16-17 broadcast coming up from Taiwan, and the CNR1 jammer, either of which might have had carrier on early (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 14678.5-USB, Dec 10 at 1448, 2-way in colloquial Spanish, one stronger than the other, mentioning mar (sea) and mEdico (doctor); went on for quite a while, no IDs or anything identifiable caught (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15330, "Electronic Goose Honking" 'whatisit?' 35554+ 2145-2150 2/Dec (Ken Zichi, MARE DXpedition, Brighton MI, MARE Tipsheet Dec 10 via DXLD) Cuban jamming against Marti, idling (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. I leave the analog TV on channel 2 several hours a day, or recheck it frequently. Finally saw some signs of weak video at 0133 UT Dec 9, antenna pointed south, probably Mexico. It's about time to be getting some winter Es. Nothing on 6m Sherlock, tho. 73, (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, dxldyg and VHF/TV/multiband lists via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 11-49: South American TX Spur 30.7 MHz --- Keep a listen out around 30.7 MHz for a really weird transmitter spur. Mainly 50 Hz hum with some frequency modulation. Audio is South American type Spanish. Sometimes the hum gets less and audio a bit better. It drifts so anywhere from 30.68 to 30.72 is possible (Hugh Hoover, Portugal, WTFDA via DXLD)

Hi Hugh, R. Nacional Argentina:

<http://youtu.be/T4eaGTRZVso>

Possible link of Radio Nacional de Argentina Buenos Aires on Low VHF as heard in Sao Paulo, Brasil, April 02, 2011 at 2038 Z (Flavio PY2ZX Archangelo, Brasil, Dec 8, WTFDA via DXLD)

Hi Flavio, Thanks; No it's not them, I get that most evenings via TEP. This is a commercial station (RAE wouldn't run commercials probably) with massive 50 Hz hum so the modulation can hardly be heard. Hope to record more today. Regards (Hugh Hoover, Portugal, ibid.)

But that clip does confirm RAE on 30690, which is the second harmonic of 15345, I thought I might be getting traces of here. When LU's were in on 10 meters again today, I tried again, but only a JBA carrier circa 30690 (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, Dec 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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Acknowledged on WORLD OF RADIO 1595:

Contribution from Area 51 --- We are honored to broadcast your show whenever we're able (Larry Will, via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

Re: Signs of skip on 2 [as in UNIDENTIFIED above]

``I leave the analog TV on channel 2 several hours a day, or recheck it frequently. Finally saw some signs of weak video at 0133 UT Dec 9, antenna pointed south, probably Mexico. It's about time to be getting some winter Es. Nothing on 6m Sherlock, tho. Glenn Hauser, Enid OK``

Good stuff, Glenn, you are a long time TV DXer! Funny enough, It was only this morning that I was re-reading your article "VHF DX-ing in Thailand" from the "How to Listen to the World" book from 1974. In fact it was reading your article as a 15 year old that set me on the path to an obsession with international television that is still totally with me to this day and has resulted in me having a backyard full of satellite dishes!. :-)) I have two ex-wives that blame you for everything! Cheers, (Mark Fahey, Sydney, Australia, Dec 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) O, my

Glenn. Interessante, a minha esposa j. est. reclamando de meu DX, rsss. Muito obrigado por sua sempre bondosa e oportuna ajuda. Um grande abraço e até segunda feira (Jorge Freitas, Unidos Pelo Asfalto, Feira de Santana, Bahia, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

LANGUAGE LESSONS See GREENLAND; ZIMBABWE

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WORLD OF HOROLOGY

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Transnistria is still on Ukrainian time, switched back 1 hr on Oct 30. [cf PRIDNESTROVYE]

timeanddate.com pages ---

right

<http://www.timeanddate.com/news/time/transnistria-dst-end.html>

wrong

<http://www.timeanddate.com/news/time/transnistria-eternal-dst.html>

wrong UT days in Aoki list 17-18, 22-23 UT, right is .23456.

Transnistria Time Zone lean - still - towards Ukraine

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/timezone.html?n=367>

Transnistria, also returned the winter. It is stated on the website of

President of PMR. As stated in the text of the new decree, Transnistria will move to winter time (one hour ago) at 03:00 on 30 October, the last Sunday of the month. Cancellation of the decree signed on October 10 motivated by the fact that Transnistria, Moldova (Transnistria which considers its own territory) and the Ukraine are located in one time zone, reports "UNIAN". The decision to cancel his own decree Smirnov received after Ukraine has also changed her mind to cancel the transition to winter time(\*) on their territory.

(\*) - rather: Ukraine has abandoned a plan to remain on daylight saving time (DST) when the clocks are moved one hour back in most other European countries on Sunday, October 30, 2011. Cities in Ukraine, including the capital Kiev, will now switch to standard time on this date (via Wolfgang B, schel, Dec 11, DXLD)

#### CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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REPORT DELL'INCONTRO CELEBRATIVO DEI 37 ANNI DI ATTIVIT  DI PLAYDX  
[illustrated, with food]

Nella WEB di Playdx   stato inserito il report dell'incontro celebrativo dei 37 anni di attivit  di playdx le foto fatte da Giuliano Garindo e Antonio Tognin sono visibili sul link :  
<http://www.playdx.com/html/playdx37/playdx37.htm>  
Buona visione ed auguri a tutti gli amici del gruppo!  
Dario e Mauro (Dario Monferini, Dec 14, playdx yg via DXLD) Congrats

#### MUSEA

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HORACIO NIGRO, RADIO HISTORIAN IN URUGUAY, FAN OF VOICE OF AMERICA

Re: ``Radio historian Horacio has also been involved in a project to amass the names of all VOA Spanish announcers through the years; perhaps he would explain something about this to us in English (gh, DXLD)``

Are you asking me to talk about my initiative to enlist a Historical List of Hosts and announcers of the Latin American Spanish Division at VOA?

Yes, it's my second effort in this way. There's a similar list regarding the BBC Latin American Service. It has been my initiative in both cases, appealing to the memory and helpful input from DX/SWL fellows. The one concerning BBC has received supplementary helpful input from a friend working there. Both are open online at Google Docs (links at the end).



Those lists by no way pretend to be fully completed. I don't have the complete rolls, or publications (schedules, brochures, etc. other publications with names) to take profit of.

I'm trying to manage with four ways of research: as said, own listeners' memory; official publications (station skeds, brochures, etc.) in their personal collection; Google websearch, and also trying to contact the broadcaster directly with the enquiry or in case the announcer/presenter himself is alive and ubiquitous via email or Facebook.

How this all started? Just admiration for the memory of those voices on the microphone, whom we listened long time ago.

When I was a child, I perfectly remember the moments my father tuned to the local news at night. It was the daily newscast from CX 14 El Espectador, in Montevideo sponsored by Amalie Motor Oil! A short recorded report from VOA came every night from the "Servicio de Corresponsales". The correspondent was Daniel Uncal. He ended his capsule with this sentence, "Para CX 14 El Espectador, de Montevideo, Uruguay, les hablô, Luis Daniel Uncal". That sentence was marked with fire in my brain!

Later, I remember the Apollo VIII flight in 1968, covered by VOA and relayed by local stations, listening with my Spica portable transistor radio while I taking a bath at Pocitos Beach, --- I remember it well.

Those were exciting and dramatic broadcasts made by the "Space VOA team", and was excited every time for the quality of their stories, often with an amount of poetry in the commentary, accuracy and useful and interesting info.

When I was 9 years old, I started my studies of American English at the Alliance Uruguay-USA. There I could see the VOA's schedule brochures. I had also access to the Artigas-Washington Library. Both institutions have considerable support from USIS (later USIA). On its shelves, I found a relevant and decisive book for my future radio hobby: the 1971 edition of "How to Listen to the World" (WRTH's Jens Frost) and also "Better SW Reception, by Bill Orr).

Mix these elements and the DXing hobby was ready to start: In 1973, I decided to be a DXer as a serious hobby, with a National Panasonic portable receiver. Later a Philips tabletop, 5 tube receiver arrived. And an external aerial was added. The hobby developed and a Hammarlund HQ180 was my next receiver. This one was (and still is regarded) a top quality apparatus. I enjoyed hardcore DXing.

In 1989 I started, as a corollary of the work of an amateur radio and shortwave listeners group formed as the DX Club of Uruguay (founded in 1972, I entered in 1973), along with some radio friends, a program about media topics over SODRE (National Broadcasting)'s CX26 Radio Uruguay named "Radioactividades".

It's still on the air every weekend, though I was on the staff only there in its initial process. But I worked a lot when the program evoked the feat of Apollo XI in the 90s. I specially remember the excitement and time shared with the late VOA's announcer Roland Massa Ferreira, who was interviewed on that occasion when he visited Montevideo (late 80s). I have a picture of that moment.

I have in my collection the "Club de Oyentes" (VOA's "Listeners Club") membership card. It was in 1974. The show was hosted by the late Juan Sagranichini (Argentinian). Part of my memorabilia collection is a bookmark slide of "Bicentennial - Spirit of 76", I received as a souvenir. And a poster. No QSLs!

Today I love historical research focused on short wave broadcasting. I am President of the Support Committee of the First Living Museum of Radio in Uruguay "Gral. Jos  Artigas", founded by fellow radio amateur CX8CC, Antonio Tormo. I'm also a ham radio operator (callsign is CX3BZ), and I'm currently working with the inventory at "Guglielmo Marconi" Ham Radio Museum in Uruguay (hosted by Radio Grupo Sur).

I keep a blog, recently started, called "La Galena del Sur", in Spanish language. ("The Southern Galena") with memories of radio and media mainly with my country's topics and the hobby of DXing. VOA has and will be featured.

I've recently been in contact with Ms. Jessica Stahl at VOA and was honored to provide her some of my memories from VOA, from a golden era of shortwave broadcasting, which languishing by now, including audio files with the broadcasts of VOA Space team (Apollos 7 to 11) in the 60s, originally recorded by an Argentinian ham. Yes, I got in touch with a group of Argentinians,

<http://www.programaespecial.com/pe/index.php>

recently whose hobby is Space Exploration and its memorabilia. The broadcasts are about the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and STS programs, by "La Voz de Am rica" and its "Cadena Espacial Continental" to Latin America, in Spanish. The journalists were located in Washington, Houston y Cape Kennedy.

I send her some audio files. The work of Enrique Gonz lez Regueira (anchorman), Jos  "Pepe" del R o, Carlos Rivas, and others were outstanding! It's a lot of quality radio!!!! And proud there were a lot of Uruguayans working there!

That's the history of my latest work that has been to build up - with the help of fellow listeners and friends - a list of announcers and hosts, of historical labor at VOA, and its Latin American Division. You can find it here.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kbhn8s1CqPG19PbA4j8wG\\_oHMLTdvMWI4DOne7d3fc8/edit?hl=es&pli=1](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kbhn8s1CqPG19PbA4j8wG_oHMLTdvMWI4DOne7d3fc8/edit?hl=es&pli=1)

All names included there besides many more missing reflect the best of international broadcast journalism. Wonderful men, whose voices were imposed with senior class, category and hierarchy. I remember them with deep gratitude for their work in front of the microphones of the VOA.

I've been reading interesting excerpts from the book by Alan L. Heil, Jr. in Googlebooks, too.

[http://books.google.com.uy/books?id=PBCZLigF-NQC&pg=PA332&lpg=PA332&dq=voice+of+america+history+spanish+latinamerican+division&source=bl&ots=g83iaRdy63&sig=06xHBjBel3zQkg1Ma2u0WFVJ-w8&hl=es&ei=WZ-9TvarFpTBtgeau4CjBg&sa=X&oi=book\\_result&ct=result&resnum=5&ved=0CEEQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q&f=false](http://books.google.com.uy/books?id=PBCZLigF-NQC&pg=PA332&lpg=PA332&dq=voice+of+america+history+spanish+latinamerican+division&source=bl&ots=g83iaRdy63&sig=06xHBjBel3zQkg1Ma2u0WFVJ-w8&hl=es&ei=WZ-9TvarFpTBtgeau4CjBg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=5&ved=0CEEQ6AEwBA#v=onepage&q&f=false)

Here's the link built for a list of BBC Spanish announcers, with the help of a radio friend who's working at BBC, London.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mbGW2p-qcS7hk1cVJ5PTuoV3CMEh30cq1S3effi8Ymg/edit?authkey=CK2K6cAJ&hl=es>

I only regret that nobody at the current Spanish section at voanews has replied yet. Yet more: I've just listened to the "Buenos Días AmÈrica" 50th Anniversary special program, and no mention of my (collaborative) work was referred, despite I wrote several of them via Facebook. Luis Facal is in my Facebook wall! [see U S A]

Also, I wanted to learn more about the current status of the historical collections and archives at VOA.

I asked for copies or scans of archival files (brochures, photos of personnel). Broadcasts from VOA in Spanish for Latin America are earlier than the times I began to listen. What is known about people working before de 60s? I'm afraid that this info is only available with special appointment and with personal presence at the US National Archives.

A few days ago I visited again the Artigas Washington Library. It's still a nice building and looks very friendly! I asked for old collections or numbers of "Comentario", the USIS publication. They no longer have "vintage" material like this.

Glenn, I'm only trying to be an amateur radio historian: Yes, with a straight enthusiasm and interest and want to keep track and register of documents related to SW radio history. A nice facet besides the evergreen passion for DXing. 73 (Horacio Nigro Geolkiewsky, Montevideo Uruguay, Mi blog: "La Galena del Sur"  
<http://lagalenadelsur.wordpress.com/>  
dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tnx, Horacio for your excellent comments, and we as USAmericans are honored by your enthusiasm for our international broadcaster! (gh)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See ARMENIA; GUIANA FRENCH; U S A  
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RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM  
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WINRADIO'S BRAND NEW "EXCELSIOR":  
Very first impression: Video "Radio Senado"

Hallo - unpacking and installing was just the matter of seconds. And for a very first impression on shortwave, just see:  
<http://youtu.be/GeQcAf28vf4>  
It shows reception of Radio Senado/Brazil on 5990 kHz at 08:00 UTC, and playing with some controls. -- 73, (Nils DK80K, Schiffhauer, Excalibur, SDR-IP/GPS, Perseus, W-Code, 2 x 20 m active quad loop (90 ), 42 m windom, DX-One prof, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

REMOTE SDR LISTENING --- HOW TO LISTEN TO YOUR REMOTE SDR

Running remote is actually easier than you think. Certainly some of you have used VPN at the job to connect to the company servers. It's just as easy to connect to your own remote computer. Instead of a VPN client from for example Cisco, you normally use another remote control software such as LogMeIn Pro.

Only a few of the software and other equipment listed below is needed for you to remotely use all functions of your SDR as well as remotely control the computer where your SDR is installed. When the software is in place and configured correctly, it is very easy to listen to your SDR over your network, LAN (Local Area Network) or wireless network (Wi-Fi), or from any computer with an internet connection with more or less high speed (broadband)!

Below, we let three well-known DX-ers present their installations. They have been DX-ing remote for several years. Their installations represent three different types of systems, from the simple base installation to the advanced suitable for several DX-ers. The basic

installation should certainly not deter anyone from setting up a remote site. . .  
<http://www.thomasn.sverige.net/remote.htm>  
(via Thomas Nilsson, SW Bulletin Dec 11 where this originally appeared in Swedish, via DXLD)

#### AM VERSUS FM, IN EARLY AMERICAN RADIO HISTORY

Hi Glenn, I read with interest the comments about AM v FM in DXLD 11-49, particularly the question about why they chose FM. I have been working on a history of electronics and communications for a few years now; it is really for my own interest, so I haven't been referencing the sources as there are so many. I have done a quick edit to produce the following outline of events. I don't regard it as either comprehensive or the last word on the subject, but DXLD readers might hopefully find it of interest if it isn't too long to publish. If some of the points made seem to be "hanging", it is because this story is culled from a much longer document.

It seems that elimination of static interference was the original reason for FM, but it is important to note that the FM band was not always 88-108 MHz. All of the early work and public transmissions were carried out in the 40-50 MHz band, and the move to the present frequency band was simply a matter of corporate politics. Presumably, brilliant engineer that he was, Armstrong realized the benefits of moving up to 40MHz from the lower HF and MW sectors, especially with regard to static interference. The actual benefits of moving up to 88-108 were not pre-planned, but only realised much later, when those frequencies were already in use. Regards, Bill Bingham, SOUTH AFRICA

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As almost everyone involved in radio knows, American engineer Major Edwin Armstrong invented and patented the super-regenerative circuit, and the superheterodyne system which became the basis of all modern radio and television receivers. The USA company RCA was one of the first to use the superhet system.

Under David Sarnoff, its commercial manager, in 1922 RCA began to produce and sell AM radio receivers. Armstrong licensed all of his radio patents to RCA, making him a millionaire by 1923. Radio receivers, especially superhets, soon became RCA's main profit centre. Over the next 29 years to 1951 they produced no less than 74 models.

The USA companies Westinghouse, AT&T and General Electric (with its RCA subsidiary) formed a patent allies group and agreed to share their patented products. All radio receivers made by GE and Westinghouse were sold under the RCA label whilst AT&T's Western Electric built

radio transmitters. The patent allies attempted to set up a monopoly, but they failed due to successful competition.

1922 marked the beginning of a patent war between Armstrong, RCA and Westinghouse. The situation was complex. On one hand, RCA was the licensee for Armstrong's patents, since Westinghouse radio receivers were sold under the RCA label because of the Patent Allies Group formed in 1920. On the other hand were Lee De Forest and AT&T (De Forest had assigned his patent rights to AT&T).

The dispute was over the Regeneration Circuit, which Armstrong had patented in 1914. At the time, this was the longest patent lawsuit ever, and continued for 12 years. Armstrong won the first round, lost the second, and drew the third. Finally, in 1934 the Supreme Court granted the regeneration patent to De Forest, in what is today widely believed to be a misunderstanding of the technical facts by the Supreme Court.

In 1922 John Renshaw Carson, at AT&T, published a paper in the Proceedings of the Institute of Radio Engineers. He said that FM offered no advantage over AM. Despite Carson's negativity, in 1925 Edwin Armstrong began to study FM. He showed that Carson was wrong; fortunately for Carson's subsequent reputation he had already introduced SSB (and patented it in 1915). That would be exceedingly useful a few years later.

At the request of David Sarnoff at RCA to find a method of eliminating static interference in AM radio reception, in 1933 Edwin Armstrong revived the previously dismissed idea of FM broadcasting. Working in the basement laboratory of Columbia University's Philosophy Hall, Armstrong created wide-band FM. This gave a much clearer sound, free of static, than the AM which was then the only system available. Armstrong obtained a patent for the complete FM system on December 26th the same year (U.S. patent 1,342,885 for a "Method of Receiving High-Frequency Oscillations Radio").

Sarnoff was impressed with Armstrong's FM system, but quickly recognised that it was not compatible with his own existing network of AM stations. He saw FM as a threat and RCA refused any further support for the system.

By now, half the homes in the USA had radios, and broadcasters had proliferated. The government felt that better regulation was clearly necessary, so in 1934 the Communications Act was introduced. The Act replaced the Federal Radio Commission with the Federal Communications Commission.

Between May 1934 and October 1935, Armstrong experimented with

wideband FM on 44 MHz from the top (85th floor) of the Empire State Building, which belonged to RCA. At the same time, radio amateurs were also experimenting with VHF. Ross Hull, an Australian radio amateur working in the USA, extended the range of VHF transmissions on 5 M (56-60 MHz) from about 25 km up to 160 km in 1934, by using a beam antenna instead of the usual vertical antenna. His beam antenna was simple, just four quarter wave radiators in phase with four reflectors. In the same year he achieved 125 km on the 112 MHz and 224 MHz bands.

In 1936 Armstrong clearly demonstrated the advantages of FM radio in a paper published in Proceedings of the Institute of Radio Engineers during 1936 (reprinted in the August 1984 issue). On June 17th, Armstrong gave a demonstration of FM radio to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at their own headquarters. He played a jazz record over conventional AM radio, then switched to a FM broadcast. The FCC members were impressed and the demonstration made national headlines. Commercial FM broadcast stations began to spring up.

In 1937 the Foster-Seeley discriminator was introduced for FM receivers. In the same year Armstrong financed and built an experimental 40 kW FM transmitter at Alpine, New Jersey, call sign W2XMN. Working on 42.8 MHz, it had been granted a construction permit by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The signal could be heard clearly 100 miles (160 km) away, despite the use of less power than an AM radio station.

In a spiteful move, RCA now tried to prevent FM radio taking away listeners from their own AM empire; at the same time they tried to destroy Armstrong. By 1944, in the US, plans were well underway for a public television service. By June 1945, RCA had pushed the FCC hard on the allocation of frequencies for the upcoming television industry. As part of the specifications, the FCC made Armstrong's FM sound system a requirement for television broadcasting and Sarnoff at RCA persuaded the FCC to move the FM radio spectrum from 42-50 MHz to 88-108 MHz, while getting new low-powered community television stations allocated to a new Channel 1 in the 44-50 MHz range.

RCA, still annoyed by Armstrong's introduction of FM, refused to pay further royalties to him and encouraged other television makers not to pay them either. RCA naturally denied any wrongdoing, but the frequency band shift was devastating to the early FM radio broadcasters who were already on air. It meant that all Armstrong-era FM radio receivers quickly became useless as broadcasting stations were moved to the new, higher, band.

It also protected the AM-radio stronghold of RCA and its competing

networks such as CBS, ABC and Mutual. This despite that the early FM stations were not a direct threat at all. Most of those that were set up in the USA between 1940 and 1950 broadcast in-depth news analysis and classical or semi-classical music, whilst the existing AM stations concentrated on repetitive playlists of popular music paid for by saturation advertising. From the 1960's onwards these differences have been less marked and many of the FM stations adopted AM's more commercial approach.

Armstrong's own Yankee FM network did not survive the frequency shift up into the high frequencies. It is now believed that FM technology was set back decades by the FCC decision, which was also supported by AT&T for quite mercenary reasons. Recall that AT&T had set up radio station WEAJ in New York City during 1922, and that RCA had purchased WEAJ from AT&T as the nucleus of its own broadcasting network, NBC. At that time AT&T had retained a financial interest in radio broadcasting by taking on the contract to supply landline connections for the massive RCA radio network (NBC). The loss of the new FM relay transmitters caused by closing down of the old FM stations now forced all radio stations to buy or hire wired telephone links from AT&T, the main supplier of landline connections in the USA then as now.

Although unforeseen, this frequency change was ultimately beneficial to FM radio. The 42-50 MHz band is subject to frequent tropospheric and E-layer stratospheric propagation, which causes distant high powered stations to interfere with each other. At certain points in the sunspot cycle this gets even worse and VHF signals below 50 MHz can even travel across the Atlantic or coast to coast across North America to cause interference. So, although it was not really appreciated at the time, the 88-108 MHz range is a technically better location for FM broadcast because it is less susceptible to this kind of interference.

To add insult to injury, RCA claimed invention of FM radio and won its own patent on the technology. The resulting patent fight between RCA and Armstrong left Armstrong unable to claim royalties on any FM radios sold in the United States. The undermining of his Yankee Network and his costly legal battles ruined Armstrong, leaving him almost penniless and emotionally distraught.

1954 was a sad year for the industry. In poor physical and mental health, with most of his money gone due to his ongoing legal battles with RCA, Edwin Armstrong, inventor of the superhet and FM radio, committed suicide on 31st January. He left a suicide note and jumped from the thirteenth floor of his New York City apartment block. His body was found the next morning by a maintenance worker, which may account for confusion over the date of his death - often given as February 1st. His widow, Marion, renewed the patent fights against



RCA. Many of the outstanding lawsuits were finally settled in Armstrong's favour, making a lot of money for his estate and heirs; but too late for Armstrong himself to enjoy legal vindication and wealth.

Armstrong also did not live to see the introduction of FM on VHF in Britain. By 1954, the rapidly increasing numbers of medium wave transmitters in Europe was causing severe interference to medium wave stations over large areas of the UK, particularly during winter evenings. The BBC began to consider the use of a VHF service, which experience in the USA and elsewhere had shown, would not be so affected (Bill Bingham, RSA, Dec 10, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### AMONG GINGRICH'S PASSIONS, A DOOMSDAY VISION

Eric Thayer for The New York Times: Newt Gingrich, shown at a debate in Iowa on Saturday, has warned of the threat of an electromagnetic pulse attack in speeches, interviews and a popular book. [caption]

By WILLIAM J. BROAD Published: December 11, 2011 comments (363)

Newt Gingrich, the Republican presidential hopeful, wants you to know that as commander in chief he is ready to confront one of the most nightmarish of doomsday scenarios: a nuclear blast high above the United States that would instantly throw the nation into a dark age.

. . .  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/12/12/us/politics/gingrichs-electromagnetic-pulse-warning-has-skeptics.html>  
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

Altho Gingrich is deserving of derision for many reasons, I had been under the impression that EMP would indeed be disastrous if anynation ever carried out such an explosion (gh, DXLD)

#### PROPAGATION

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GEOMAGNETIC INDICES ñ Compiled by Phil Bytheway  
Geomagnetic Summary November 1 2011 through November 30 2011  
Tabulated from email status daily.

Day Flux A K Space Weather

|   |     |    |   |        |
|---|-----|----|---|--------|
| 1 | 139 | 19 | 2 | minor  |
| 2 | 154 | 12 | 1 | minor  |
| 3 | 160 | 4  | 1 | strong |
| 4 | 164 | 4  | 2 | minor  |
| 5 | 172 | 4  | 1 | minor  |

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| 6  | 177 | 4  | 2 | minor     |
| 7  | 182 | 7  | 1 | no storms |
| 8  | 181 | 8  | 1 | no storms |
| 9  | 180 | 2  | 1 | minor     |
| 10 | 179 | 4  | 2 | no storms |
| 11 | 174 | 2  | 0 | no storms |
| 12 | 169 | 2  | 0 | no storms |
| 13 | 155 | 1  | 1 | no storms |
| 14 | 161 | 0  | 0 | no storms |
| 15 | 148 | 7  | 2 | minor     |
| 16 | 142 | 4  | 1 | minor     |
| 17 | 148 | 4  | 1 | no storms |
| 18 | 144 | 1  | 0 | no storms |
| 19 | 140 | 0  | 1 | no storms |
| 20 | 140 | 1  | 1 | no storms |
| 21 | 141 | 5  | 3 | no storms |
| 22 | 142 | 7  | 2 | no storms |
| 23 | 140 | 6  | 2 | no storms |
| 24 | 137 | 5  | 2 | no storms |
| 25 | 135 | 3  | 1 | no storms |
| 26 | 133 | 4  | 1 | minor     |
| 27 | 135 | 6  | 0 | minor     |
| 28 | 138 | 5  | 4 | minor     |
| 29 | 141 | 11 | 2 | no storms |
| 30 | 144 | 12 | 2 | no storms |

(IRCA DX Monitor Dec 10 via DXLD)

Geomagnetic activity was at predominantly quiet levels during the summary period. From 05 - 08 December, quiet conditions were observed at all latitudes. On 09 December, an isolated period of active conditions was observed at high latitudes. On 10 December, quiet to unsettled conditions were observed as a coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) moved into a geoeffective position. Solar wind speed increased from around 330 km/s to around 500 km/s at the ACE spacecraft and the total IMF rose to around 11 nT. Another isolated period of active conditions was observed at high latitudes on 11 December as a result of the CH HSS effects.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 14 DEC 2011-09 JAN 2012

Solar activity is expected to be at predominately low levels with a chance for isolated M-class activity from 12-22 December. A decrease to predominantly low levels is expected from 23-24 December as Regions 1374 and 1375 rotate off the disk. An increase to a slight chance for M-class activity is expected on 25 December as Region 1363 returns and remain for the duration of the forecast period. No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels

the entire forecast period (14 December - 09 January).

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at mostly quiet levels from 14 to 25 December. Quiet to unsettled conditions are expected on 26-29 December due to effects from a recurrent CH HSS. A return to quiet levels is expected from 30 December - 04 January followed by an increase to quiet to unsettled levels on 05 - 06 January due to effects from a second recurrent CH HSS. Mostly quiet conditions are expected for the remainder of the period.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27DO.txt

:Issued: 2011 Dec 13 1738 UTC

# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

# Issued 2011-12-13

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| # | UTC         | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|---|-------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| # | Date        | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
|   | 2011 Dec 14 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 15 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 16 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 17 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 18 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 19 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 20 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 21 | 130        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 22 | 130        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 23 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 24 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 25 | 140        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 26 | 140        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2011 Dec 27 | 140        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2011 Dec 28 | 140        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2011 Dec 29 | 145        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2011 Dec 30 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2011 Dec 31 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2012 Jan 01 | 150        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2012 Jan 02 | 145        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2012 Jan 03 | 145        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2012 Jan 04 | 145        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2012 Jan 05 | 140        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2012 Jan 06 | 140        | 8         | 3        |
|   | 2012 Jan 07 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
|   | 2012 Jan 08 | 135        | 5         | 2        |

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(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1595, DXLD) ###